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ELECTION 2020

Making their final case

Hoadley, Upton square off in 6th Congressional District

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton is seeking an 18th consecutive term for the 6th Congressional District on Nov. 3.

However, the incumbent faces Democrat Jon Hoadley, who has more political experience than the congressman's usual challengers.

UPTON

HOADLEY

Upton, 67, was first elected in 1986. He announced his intentions to run for re-election much later in the election cycle than in previous years, leaving supporters to wonder whether he would seek another term.

"Regardless of what happens in November, we are going to have a closely divided Congress," Upton said. "But we feel like we are poised to move forward based on the number of successes we had earlier this year."

Hoadley, 37, is completing his third and final two-year term in the Michigan House of Representatives representing District 60, which encompasses the city of Kalamazoo and the majority of Kalamazoo Township. He was first elected in 2014.

"At the heart of what I want to do, I think we should be making people in our communities the center of our decisions," Hoadley said. "One area is health care. We're in the middle of a global pandemic and I believe more people should have health care."

In the August primary, Upton secured 62 percent of the votes to defeat challenger Elena Oelke. Hoadley claimed 52 percent of the overall vote against fellow Democratic Jen Richardson in the primary.

Hoadley, D-Kalamazoo, hopes to pick up where 2018 Democratic challenger Matt Longjohn left off. Longjohn had pushed Upton in a tight race that Upton claimed by a margin of 4.5 points.

Upton, R-St. Joseph, said he will focus on passing legislation to encourage job creation, protect taxpayers and enhance the quality of life for everyone in Southwest Michigan.

He said he wants to expand the Problems Solvers Caucus to 50 members and help develop the North American Energy Independent Plan. However, Upton said the biggest challenge now facing Southwest Michigan is COVID-19.

"We want to restore our way of life and that's not going to happen until we have a vaccine and better testing," Upton said. "In the meantime, we have to provide a lifeline to our

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LAKESHORE SCHOOLS

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

Dane Rasmussen works with students Wednesday afternoon at the Hollywood Elementary School garden in Stevensville. Rasmussen recently started as the new garden educator through a grant provided by the Lakeland Community Health Foundation.

Planting the seeds of knowledge

New garden educator specializes in sustainable gardening

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — The addition of a new garden educator at Hollywood Elementary School in Stevensville is taking teaching students about sustainable gardening practices to the next level.

Second-grade teacher Perry Heppler said Dane Rasmussen has the education and background to expand on the organic gardening practices that are already in place.

RASMUSSEN

"To me it's like he dropped out of heaven because his philosophy is so in tune with where we want to go," said Heppler, who took over managing the garden about six years ago.

Heppler said that some of Rasmussen's ideas include building a hoop greenhouse to extend the growing season outside and growing the ingredients for salads in classroom windows so students can work with plants year round.

Garden educator Dane Rasmussen leads students through the Hollywood Elementary School garden Wednesday afternoon in Stevensville.

Rasmussen started teaching grades K-3 at the school on Oct. 1 through a grant from the Lakeland Community Health Foundation. Heppler said teachers sign up on a voluntary basis, with the goal of having Rasmussen teach in each participating class twice a month.

Rasmussen, a certified arborist, said it's been a joy to get the students outside to talk about nature, especially since many of them haven't spent a lot of time outside of their homes due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"They are so excited to get outside and do anything," he said. "It's not that they're overly squirrely or rambunctious. They're just enthralled with anything that's not sitting."

He said he's switching part of the garden to a permaculture strategy, where plants are grown together so less weeding is needed.

"The idea is less maintenance, more symbiotic growing and getting away from trying to mimic large agriculture," said Rasmussen, who has a bachelor's degree in environmental sustainability and a master's degree in sustainability management.

He said that planting everything in rows is very labor intensive.

"Permaculture allows for using different plants in different relationships to utilize space and resources, like nutrients and water, and sunlight more effectively in a smaller space," he said.

Rasmussen said he worked in the forestry department for Milwaukee, Wis., before he and his wife moved to the area in 2018 so his wife, Tara Rasmussen, could take a job as a professor at Lake Michigan College in Benton Township.

They also started their own

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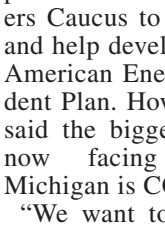
ELECTION 2020

Trapikas faces challenge for top Shoreham post

Trustee Reneta Mais mounts challenge for council president

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer



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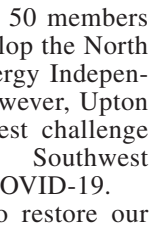

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SHOREHAM — Voters in Shoreham will decide Nov. 3 if they are sticking with their current president or electing a longtime trustee to the two-year position.

President Bruno Trapikas, first elected in 2015, is being challenged by Trustee Reneta Mais, who has been in that position since 2005.

Trapikas, 69, said that under his leadership, Shoreham Downs park has been substantially renovated, along with almost all of the local streets being refurbished. He said he makes sure that all of the potholes are filled and streets are plowed regularly. In addition, he said he has worked to keep the village's tax millage as one of the lowest in the state.

Mais, 61, said it's time for new leadership. She said residents' trust in the village council has been undermined by a lack of financial oversight.

The normally uneventful village council meetings have been marred with controversy the past few months, leading to trustees hiring Plante Moran in September to conduct

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Michigan Legislature OKs unemployment, legal liability bills

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Michigan's Republican-led Legislature on Wednesday voted to keep intact longer-lasting unemployment benefits and other coronavirus-related orders issued by Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, while also striking a deal on liability protections for businesses.

The move followed a monthlong fight over the governor's unilateral measures to control the pandemic after lawmakers refused to extend her emergency declaration last spring. The state Supreme Court this month declared unconstitutional a 75-year-old law that had underpinned Whitmer's restrictions.

The unemployment measure was among several approved during a lengthy session that began Tuesday and did not end until after 3 a.m. Businesses, health providers and others who are sued over COVID-19 infections would be more shielded from lawsuits, as long as they comply with all safety rules. Under another bill, employers could not discharge, discipline or retaliate against employees who stay home when they or their close contacts are sick.

The Oct. 2 high court ruling means Whitmer's

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After independent coronavirus test, NBC sets Trump town hall

By DAVID BAUDER
AP Media Writer

NEW YORK — NBC News agreed to put President Donald Trump before voters in a town hall event on Thursday after the president submitted to an independent coronavirus test with the results reviewed by Dr. Anthony Fauci.

The announcement Wednesday sets up dueling town halls with Democratic opponent Joe Biden on a night the two candidates were supposed to meet for their second debate. Biden is appearing on a similar town hall event in Philadelphia, televised by ABC.

It also subjected NBC News to a sharp backlash on social media, where a call to boycott the network was a trending topic on Twitter.

NBC said Trump would be at least 12 feet from moderator Savannah Guthrie and the audience.

Trump, who tested positive for COVID-19 on Oct. 2 and spent three days at the Walter Reed military hospital, took a coronavirus test Tuesday administered by the National Institutes of Health, NBC said.

Both NIH clinical director Dr. Clifford Lane and Fauci reviewed Trump's medical records and said they had a high degree of confidence that the president is "not shedding infectious virus."

Trump's ability to reach a national television audience on Thursday was in part dependent on Fauci, who had expressed anger at the Trump campaign in recent days for using one of his statements in a campaign ad. The coronavirus task force member said a quote used in the campaign ad was taken out of context.

A formal matchup between the Republican president and Biden that was scheduled for Thursday in Miami by the nonpartisan Commission on Presidential Debate was canceled. In light of the president's infection, the commission shifted the format to a virtual meeting, and Trump declined to participate.

Both town halls will begin at 8 p.m. Eastern, but Biden will have the last word. The ABC event, moderated by George Stephanopoulos, will last 90 minutes with an additional half hour of analysis. Trump's town hall on NBC is scheduled for an hour.

Critics of NBC questioned why the network scheduled Trump for the same time, making viewers have to choose if they were interested in seeing both candidates react live in a similar format.

Veteran journalist Jeff Greenfield called it "indefensible" in a Twitter post.

"They rewarded Trump by giving him this time," Greenfield said in an interview.

He questioned whether NBC acceded to a demand by the president, but the network said in a statement that "the Trump campaign did not dictate or request the time slot nor express any preference."

NBC considered it important that Trump be given the same format, day of the week and length of time that Biden had last week – although he will have a different moderator. Lester Holt hosted the Biden event.

Barrett keeps Democrats, Trump at bay in Senate hearing

By MARK SHERMAN, LISA MASCARO and LAURIE KELLMAN
Associated Press

Jonathan Ernst / Pool via AP

Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett testifies during the third day of her confirmation hearings before the Senate Judiciary Committee on Capitol Hill, on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — Over and over, Amy Coney Barrett said she'd be her own judge if confirmed to the Supreme Court. But she was careful in two long days of Senate testimony not to take on the president who nominated her, and she sought to create distance between herself and past positions, writings on controversial subjects and even her late mentor.

Barrett's confirmation to the Supreme Court to take the seat of the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg seems inevitable, as even some Senate Democrats acknowledged in Senate hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday. The shift would cement a 6-3 conservative majority on the court and would be the most pronounced ideological change in 30 years, from the liberal icon to the conservative appeals court judge.

The 48-year-old judge skipped past Democrats' pressing questions about ensuring the date of next month's election or preventing voter intimidation, both set in federal law, and the peaceful transfer of presidential power. She also refused to express her view on whether the president can pardon himself. "It's not one that I can offer a view," she said in response to a question Wednesday from Sen. Pat Leahy of Vermont.

Democrats raised those questions because President Donald Trump has done so himself.

When it came to major issues that are likely to come before the court, including abortion and health care, she repeatedly promised to keep an open mind and said neither Trump nor anyone else in the White House had tried to influence her views.

"No one has elicited from me any commitment in a case," she said.

Nominees typically resist offering any more information than they have to, especially when the president's party controls the Senate, as it does now. But Barrett wouldn't engage on topics that seemed easy to swat away, including that only Congress can change the date that the election takes place.

She said she is not on a "mission to destroy the Affordable Care Act," though she has been critical of the two Supreme Court decisions that preserved key parts of the Obama-era health care law. She could be on the court when it hears the latest, Republican-led challenge on Nov. 10.

Barrett is the most open opponent of abortion nominated to the Supreme Court in decades, and Democrats fear that her ascension could be a tipping point that threatens abortion rights.

There was no hiding her views in at least three letters and ads she signed over 15 years and her membership in Notre Dame's Faculty for Life. So Republican senators embraced her stance, proudly stating that she was, in Judiciary Committee Chairman Lindsey Graham's words, an "unashamedly pro-life" conservative who is making history as a role model for other women.

Racial justice movement a factor for 5 state ballot measures

By DAVID CRARY
AP National Writer

The Black Lives Matter movement isn't named in any of the 120 statewide ballot measures up for a vote on Nov. 3. But this year's nationwide protests over police brutality and racial injustice are major factors in the campaigns in several states for measures with distinctive racial themes.

In California, voters will decide whether to allow affirmative action in public hiring, contracting and college admissions – 24 years after Californians approved an initiative outlawing programs that give preference based on race and gender.

Elsewhere, the topics include a replacement for Mississippi's Confederate-themed state flag, a proposed change in Rhode Island's official name to remove the word "plantations," and efforts in Nebraska and Utah to strip language from the state constitutions providing an exemption to the ban on slavery.

In California, key supporters of the new affirmative-action measure – Proposition 16 – said they weren't sure they could get the needed two-thirds support in both legislative chambers to move forward. That changed, they said, amid the nationwide outcry over the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police in May.

"Before his death, it was touch and go," said Black businessman and civil rights activist Walter Wilson. "Now there's been a sea change. … Social justice and racial reform are on the ballot."

Ward Connerly, a Black businessman and former University of California regent who pushed for the 1996 ban, leads the campaign against Prop 16. He acknowledges that the Black Lives Matter movement has energized his opponents.

"It may give them impetus but that doesn't make it right." Connerly said. "The response should be looking at law enforcement and police tactics – it doesn't justify discrimination."

In Mississippi, where legislators voted in June to retire the last state flag in the U.S. bearing the Confederate battle emblem, voters will decide whether to accept a new flag with a magnolia design. If they vote "No," another new design will be proposed – and there would be a chance for supporters of the Confederate-themed flag to seek its reinstatement via a ballot measure next year.

In Rhode Island, whose official name is "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," voters will have an opportunity to eliminate the last three words. The measure's proponents say the word "plantations" evokes the grim legacy of slavery, even though that wasn't the connotation when the full name was adopted in 1636.

Near-identical measures in Nebraska and Utah also deal with wording – they propose eliminating passages in the state constitutions, dating from the 19th century, that allow slavery as punishment for a crime. In neither of those states is there organized opposition to the measures, which advanced through the legislatures on unanimous votes.

In Mississippi and Rhode Island, Black supporters of the ballot measures hope this year's nationwide spotlight on racial injustice will bring a different outcome than when similar proposals were on the ballot previously.

In Mississippi, 64 percent of voters in a 2001 referendum opted to keep the Confederate-themed flag.

This time, there was overwhelming support for a new flag among legislators and government leaders. They faced intense pressure from business, religious, education and sports groups amid widespread protests against Confederate symbols.

Not all Mississippians are on board. Hundreds of people attended a Statehouse rally in August organized by Let Mississippi Vote, the group hoping to have a measure on the 2021 ballot that would offer a chance to reinstate the Confederate-themed flag.

"In my mind, it is not about a flag at all – this is about the people having a voice," said state Sen. Chris McDaniel, a leader of the campaign. "Ultimately we will be pleased with whatever the people decide."

Some Black residents may vote against the proposed new magnolia flag for a different reason, said Marquise Hunt, a senior at Tougaloo College and former president of the Mississippi NAACP's Youth & College Division.

As mandated by the Legislature, the proposed new flag bears the words "In God We Trust."

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
09-13-18-24-33-47
Poker Lotto
QD-8C-2D-6D-3H
Midday Daily 3
8-3-4
Midday Daily 4
9-8-3-0
Daily 3
9-5-1
Daily 4
1-7-8-5
Fantasy 5
05-12-13-17-26
Keno
15-19-20-21-24-31-32-39-42-46-47-53-58-65-70-72-73-74-77-78-79-80
Mega Millions jackpot
$77 million
Powerball jackpot
$72 million

Tuesday drawings

Michigan
Mega Millions
11-44-45-46-70, Mega Ball: 25, Megaplier: 2

Indiana
Cash 5
09-20-41-44-45
Cash4Life
05-14-35-47-51, Cash Ball: 1
Quick Draw Midday
01-02-08-09-13-15-26-29-32-40-55-56-57-58-59-63-67-71-78-79, BE: 56
Daily Three-Midday
7-7-0, SB: 4
Daily Three-Evening
7-5-0, SB: 5
Daily Four-Midday
0-2-6-6, SB: 4
Daily Four-Evening
0-1-8-4, SB: 5
Quick Draw Evening
01-06-09-10-11-14-19-27-29-30-31-33-44-48-50-55-59-60-77-79, BE: 44

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
09-22-31-41-43
Pick Three-Midday
6-2-1, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
4-7-3, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Midday
5-3-2-3, Fireball: 6
Pick Four-Evening
0-0-0-7, Fireball: 4
Lucky Day Lotto
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ELECTION 2020

2 vie for Hagar Township treasurer seat

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

RIVERSIDE — Kimberly Schmuhl describes herself as a people-person who is interested in listening to the needs and wants of her community.

That is why she is running against incumbent Susan Herrmann for the treasurer's seat on the Hagar Township Board in the November election. Neither candidate declares a party affiliation.

"I'm running for treasurer because I want to be involved in helping join my community in making decisions that help make the future of Hagar Township brighter," Schmuhl said.

SCHMUHL

HERRMANN

Herrmann said public service seems to be in her blood. Her father, the late Edward Broderick, was Hagar Township supervisor for 25 years and served on the Berrien County Road Commission. One brother served on the township's fire board and another served on the board of review.

"I'm used to hearing about the township and the county," Herrmann said. "The most important role of the treasurer is to be a steward of the finances, and operate as cost-efficiently as possible so we don't charge more in taxes than needed."

She believes the biggest challenge facing elected officials is to listen to the varied opinions of citizens and balance them with finances.

"I believe in working hard and operating with the patience to listen to residents' input," Herrmann said.

Schmuhl said she believes one of the biggest challenges in local government is knowing and adhering to the ever-changing legislative rules, especially in current times, and determining the best strategic plan and vision for the future.

"I can certainly help with both of these challenges by bringing strong work ethic, dependability, communication skills, teamwork, drive, and lots of enthusiasm to the table," Schmuhl said.

Herrmann, 59, of Benton Harbor, was appointed last year by the township board to complete the four-year term of former treasurer Marlene Davis, who resigned.

Herrmann worked for 27 years for Whirlpool Corp. and left last year during a reorganization of the company.

"My goal was to get involved in local government," she said.

She served on the Hagar Township Planning Commission before being appointed treasurer.

She and her husband, Michael Herrmann, have a grown daughter, Julianna.

Schmuhl, 38, was born and raised on a family farm in Coloma, where she continues to live after graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in education from Western Michigan University.

She works at Coloma Frozen Foods, where she is the accounts receivable specialist and human resource manager.

She has served many years as a board member at the Berrien County Farm Bureau; president and treasurer at Michigan Agri-Women; foundation board member at American Agri-Women; and Leaven Award chairwoman, American Agri-Women; and has been involved in fundraising for the Heritage Museum and Cultural Center.

Schmuhl said her family consists of Tesia, a wire-haired pointing griffon; Leslie Schmuhl, her father; and Kathy Schmuhl and Kara Gowin, "the best sisters a girl could ask for."

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COLOR TOUR

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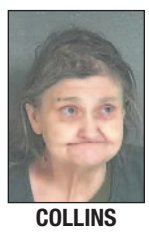
Fall color surrounds a woman as she walks down a section of Thornton Drive this week in Stevensville.

Hartford Township caretaker charged in man's death

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — A Hartford Township woman faces felony murder charges in the investigation of a Hartford man's death dating back to February, 16, 2019.


COLLINS

Frances Collins, 71, was arraigned Wednesday in Seventh District Court on felony murder charges, related to vulnerable adult abuse, in the death of Donald Collins, according to a news release issued by Det. Lt. Greg Pentland of the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department.

Her arrest and arraignment follows a lengthy criminal investigation, according to Pentland.

Donald Collins died at an assisted living facility after being transferred from the caretaker's home to a local hospital. He had been previously in the care of the suspect, Frances Collins.

"The suspect was a caretaker in her home, with no relation to the victim," Pentland said. "They share a last name but are not related through any circumstance.

"The investigation was related to vulnerable adult abuse due to the care he received from the suspect, Frances Collins, which in turn resulted in his death days after being transferred to the hospital and assisted living facility," Pentland went on to say. "The cause of death was listed sepsis as a result of his care while in the suspect's home."

Frances Collins was issued a $25,000 cash/surety bond. She will be due next in court on Oct. 28 for a probable cause conference.

Interfaith Action to celebrate the harvest Oct. 21

By HP STAFF

Interfaith Action of Southwest Michigan is hosting a virtual Celebration of the Harvest at 6 p.m. Oct. 21 to honor the harvest and the harvesters locally and around the world.

The program will recognize the vital role of migrant workers and threats to their well being, according to a press release from Interfaith Action.

A Zoom link to the event will be posted on swmichinterfaith.org.

Donations such as beans, rice, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap and shampoo are being collected for low income migrant workers and family farmers.

Collection locations include: All Saints Episcopal, Saugatuck; First Congregational UCC, South Haven; First Presbyterian, Benton Harbor; First Congregational UCC, St. Joseph; Berrien Unitarian Fellowship, Stevensville; Zion UCC, Baroda; Harbert Community Church, Sawyer; Three Oaks United Methodist; St. Mary's Catholic, Niles; St. Gabriel Catholic, Berrien Springs; and St. Anthony Catholic, Buchanan.

The event will include speakers from Christian, Muslim and Jewish perspectives. Featured presenters include: Sister Florence Deacon, justice coordinator for the Sisters of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame; Marcy Hamilton, deputy director for the Southwest Michigan Planning Commission; and Eva Alvarez, policy director for the Michigan Immigrant Rights Center.

SOUTH HAVEN

Clerk named zoning administrator

By HP STAFF

SOUTH HAVEN — After more than a year without a full-time zoning administrator, South Haven will soon have one.

Current City Clerk Travis Sullivan has accepted the position but won't begin his new duties until after the November election concludes, according to City Manager Kate Hosier. The city will then seek his look for a new clerk.

Sullivan replaces David Wright, who left the position in May of 2019.

"Since David's departure, we have used a consultant, Brad Kotrba, from Williams and Works for our planning and zoning administration work," Hosier said. "Travis will work with Brad Kotrba to transition into the zoning administrator position."

The relationship the city staff has developed with Williams and Works will continue, but only for complex redevelopment plans, Hosier went on to say.

Sullivan has served as city clerk since June 2016. Prior to that he worked eight years for the city of Kalamazoo in a variety of position. He holds a bachelor of science degree in history and master of public administration degree in public management from Grand Valley State University.

His responsibilities as zoning administrator will include planning and zoning administrator and front counter operations of the Building Services Department.

Other responsibilities involve administration of the city's Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan; presentation of planning reviews to the Planning Commission and City Council; preparation of planning studies, ordinance amendments and other written reports; and interaction with the public.

Market Van Buren receives grant to help small businesses

By HP STAFF

PAW PAW — More help is on the way in Van Buren County for small business owners negatively impacted by restrictions to stop the spread of coronavirus.

Market Van Buren has received a $10,000 grant from the Consumers Energy Foundation to support small businesses throughout county, according to a news release this week from the economic development group.

The grant will support implementation of a Business Resilience Program for small business owners impacted by COVID-19, according to Zach Morris, Market Van Buren executive director.

"Small businesses in Van Buren County have a continued need for support as they progressively reopen and simultaneously prepare for unanticipated challenges," Morris said. "Staff will work with these small businesses on developing a resilience plan that encompasses areas such as talent pipeline, supply chain management, communication, online presence, resource availability, succession planning, and retooling opportunities."

In May, the Consumers Energy Foundation donated $1.8 million to nine organizations to provide a lifeline during COVID-19 to small businesses across Michigan – focusing in particular on helping female- and minority-owned businesses. Other local organizations also provided financial support, bringing the total to $4.3 million

"Small businesses form the backbone of our state's economy, and we at Consumers Energy are working every day to help them until Michigan defeats the pandemic," said Brandon Hofmeister, president of the Consumers Energy Foundation. "We are happy to work with local economic development organizations that know their communities' needs best and are making sure our new contributions are having the biggest impact."

Small business owners in Van Buren County are encouraged to reach out to Morris for more information at 269-519-6142, or via email at MorrisZ@MarketVanBuren.org.

IN BRIEF

Cook Unit 2 returned to service

BRIDGMAN — Cook Nuclear Plant's Unit 2 was returned to service early Wednesday morning after it was automatically shut down Monday morning, according to a news release issued by the plant.

The unit was tripped due to lowering water level in one of its four steam generators. The issue with the steam generator water level has been corrected, officials said.

The event was classified as non-emergency by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Cook's Unit 1 remains offline for its fall refueling outage.

COVID-19 percent positivity rate on the rise

Berrien County's percent positivity rate rose to 4.4 percent as of Saturday, breaking with a trend of hovering around 3 percent for several months.

Berrien County added 13 new COVID-19 cases and 23 new recoveries Wednesday. No new deaths were recorded.

The county is down to about 164 active cases, from 174 on Tuesday. That's still up from 132 last Wednesday and 85 the Wednesday before that.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating 15 COVID-19 positive patients as of Wednesday morning. That's up from 14 on Tuesday and 12 last Wednesday.

Van Buren County added six new COVID-19 cases Wednesday, while Cass County added 21. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

Michigan woman living in Illinois travels 300 miles to vote

DETROIT (AP) — A 94-year-old woman who has been caring for a sister in Illinois traveled nearly 300 miles to Detroit to cast an absentee ballot in the fall election.

"I wanted to make sure my vote counted," Mildred Madison said Monday. "This was very easy. I could sit in my wheelchair."

Madison said she decided to go to Detroit after her August primary ballot arrived late. She traveled from the Chicago area with a son and daughter.

"Vote because your life depends on it," Madison told FOX 2 Detroit. "And this year it truly depends on it that you vote. Not only for you but for your children and their children."

Indeed, she wore a mask with one word: VOTE.

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Why Dems hate Amy Coney Barrett

Ben Shapiro

This week, Democrats struggled to explain why Judge Amy Coney Barrett should not be confirmed to serve on the Supreme Court. They trotted out hackneyed arguments, suggesting that some political norm had been broken by a Republican president nominating a judge to be confirmed as a justice by a Republican Senate in an election year. There have been 19 times where a seat became vacant in an election year and both the presidency and Senate were controlled by the same party, resulting in 17 judicial confirmations. They suggested that Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dying wish to leave her seat open until a Democrat takes power represented a sort of binding legal commitment.

And they fumed.

They fumed that Barrett refuses to pledge fealty to their political priorities. They fumed that Barrett has stated that the role of the judiciary is *not* to achieve moral ends but to enforce the law. They fumed that Barrett had the temerity to state that "courts are not designed to solve every problem or right every wrong in our public life," that "the policy decisions and value judgments of government must be made by the political branches" and that she has done her utmost to "reach the result required by the law," whatever her preferences might be.

That's because, in the view of the political left, the court ought to be merely another weapon in its political arsenal. Conservatives see the judiciary as Alexander Hamilton characterized it in "Federalist No. 78": as the "least dangerous" branch, capable of "neither force nor will, but merely judgment," an institution whose legitimacy rests on its unwillingness to "exercise *will* instead of *judgment*." Liberals see the court as a super-legislature, designed to act as moral arbiters on behalf of progressive values. That's why former President Barack Obama stated that judges ought to be selected for the quality of "empathy, of understanding and identifying with people's hopes and struggles, as an essential ingredient for arriving at just decisions and outcomes."

Critical legal theorists have suggested that conservatives are fibbing – that their view of the judiciary as relegated to judgment alone is merely cover for the reinforcement of their political priorities. But the data suggest otherwise. During the 2019 Supreme Court term, for example, out of some 67 decisions, the four justices appointed by Democrats voted together 51 times; Republican appointees only voted together 37 times. As Ilya Shapiro of the Cato Institute has pointed out, "it's the (Ruth Bader) Ginsburg Four that represent a bloc geared toward progressive policy outcomes." Republican appointees, in other words, are politically heterodox significantly more often than Democratic appointees. That's because, on a fundamental level, they take their job – and the constitutional separation of powers – seriously.

Democrats do not. That's why they see as the glories of the Supreme Court those moments in which the Supreme Court seized power on behalf of progressive ideals. Roe v. Wade has become holy writ on the political left, specifically because it robbed the American people of their right to vote on the issue of abortion. Democrats see nothing but glory in Supreme Court justices seizing authority to protect abortion on behalf of defining "one's own concept of existence, of meaning, of the universe, and of the mystery of human life" (Planned Parenthood v. Casey, 1992). They see nothing but wonder in Supreme Court justices declaring that the judiciary has been delegated enforcement of "a charter protecting the right of all persons to enjoy liberty as we learn its meaning" (Obergefell v. Hodges, 2015). They see nothing but cause for celebration in the Supreme Court cramming down on the American people their own sense of our "evolving standards of decency" (Trop v. Dulles, 1958) or the importance of never-before-defined "emanations" and "penumbras" (Griswold v. Connecticut, 1965). They want the court to act as an oligarchy.

And they are angry that Barrett's nomination has moved the court away from that progressive, oligarchic rule. That's why they're threatening to pack the court – because they wish to restore that oligarchy to power. And that's just another reason why, for all the talk about Donald Trump's threats to core American institutions, he can't hold a candle to even mainstream Democratic willingness to trash checks and balances on behalf of power.

Ben Shapiro is editor-in-chief of DailyWire.com.

Whitmer plot and cultural entitlement

Leonard Pitts

White people often do not understand white people.

Granted, that's a counterintuitive claim. But it is regularly reinforced whenever one hears decent white Americans attempt to rationalize the misbehavior of their less decent kin.

One such effort turned up on social media a few days ago. Walker Bragman, a freelance journalist for, among others, The Huffington Post, sought to explain why "far right and white nationalist groups" turn to violence. He tweeted what he said were images of the home of Joseph Morrison, one of the men recently arrested for plotting to kidnap Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

The photos show a ramshackle yard strewn with junk. There are two trucks, both of which appear drivable, though one has damage to a side panel. Two flags droop from poles. One is the Stars and Bars.

"Can we acknowledge that maybe economic circumstances play a role in radicalizing people?" asks Bragman. In the face of skyrocketing job loss, he argues, "of course we're going to see violence." Bragman notes that, when asked about "violence in inner cities," people "correctly point to economic conditions as a driving factor. But when it comes to militancy in rural America, they refuse to entertain a similar explanation."

Interestingly, he never mentions the Confederate flag. Not that that's the only flaw in his argument. Bragman is correct when he says that violence in the inner city – code for violence among people of color – is usually linked to poverty. Folks with secure financial prospects – for that matter, folks with college educations – are not usually found in street corner shootouts.

But here is where Bragman's logic turns as ramshackle as Morrison's yard: Inner-city violence – the violence of having too little, living too close, enduring too much – almost always stems from arguments, drug-trade disputes and small-time street crime. But when have you ever seen an inner-city gang conspire to overthrow a government? Would news media dignify that terror cell as it has dignified this one, by calling it a "militia"?

Would anyone tie the crime to economic anxiety?

The answers, in order: Never, no and no.

Urban violence is often a violence of survival, often a violence of tragic idiocy. But what Morrison is accused of is a violence of cultural entitlement, of the perceived loss of power and rank. It is a violence of, Who is she to tell me to wear a mask? A violence of, It's getting so a white man has no rights at all anymore. A violence of, Make America great again.

One of the things white people tend not to understand about white people is how deep that resentment, that fear of demotion, go. Granted, the white poor have always been the ground troops of that bitterness, the ones who threw the punches and planted the bombs. But poverty did not cause the bitterness or the violence. Rather, they stem from a conviction that, by dint of color or culture, one deserves the final and decisive word.

Bragman's willingness to advance a flimsy rationalization that steers away from that conclusion is unfortunate but not surprising. In America, we are taught to reflexively conflate whiteness with innocence, primed to believe that if a Joseph Morrison did what is alleged, there must be a sympathetic reason.

That conflation embodies a luxury people of color have never enjoyed – and white people of conscience must learn to reject. Those pictures make the case for a cleanup crew. They make the case for a body shop. But the idea that Morrison deserves pity because his yard's a mess?

Sorry, but that case cannot be made.

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LETTERS

Gary Peters is right for Michigan

Editor,

Sen. Gary Peters has worked hard and been very effective over the past 6 years in supporting Michiganders and all Americans.

Bridge Michigan, nonpartisan news outlet, has verified that Peters is one of the most effective and bipartisan leaders in the Senate. Peters has been present for 99.2 percent of his votes since 2015, including perfect attendance in 2019. He's also passed nine bills through the Senate since the beginning of 2019, the most of any senator.

The Lugar Center, founded by Republican Richard Lugar, named Peters (a Democrat) as the 12th most bipartisan senator and fourth most effective senator in the minority party. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce presented Peters a recent award for bipartisanship

Sen. Peters voted for the Affordable Care Act, which guarantees coverage for those with pre-existing conditions and has brought reasonable-cost health insurance, including expanded Medicaid coverage, to more than 20 million people. Keep in mind that all who now contract COVID-19 will sadly be labeled as having a pre-existing condition.

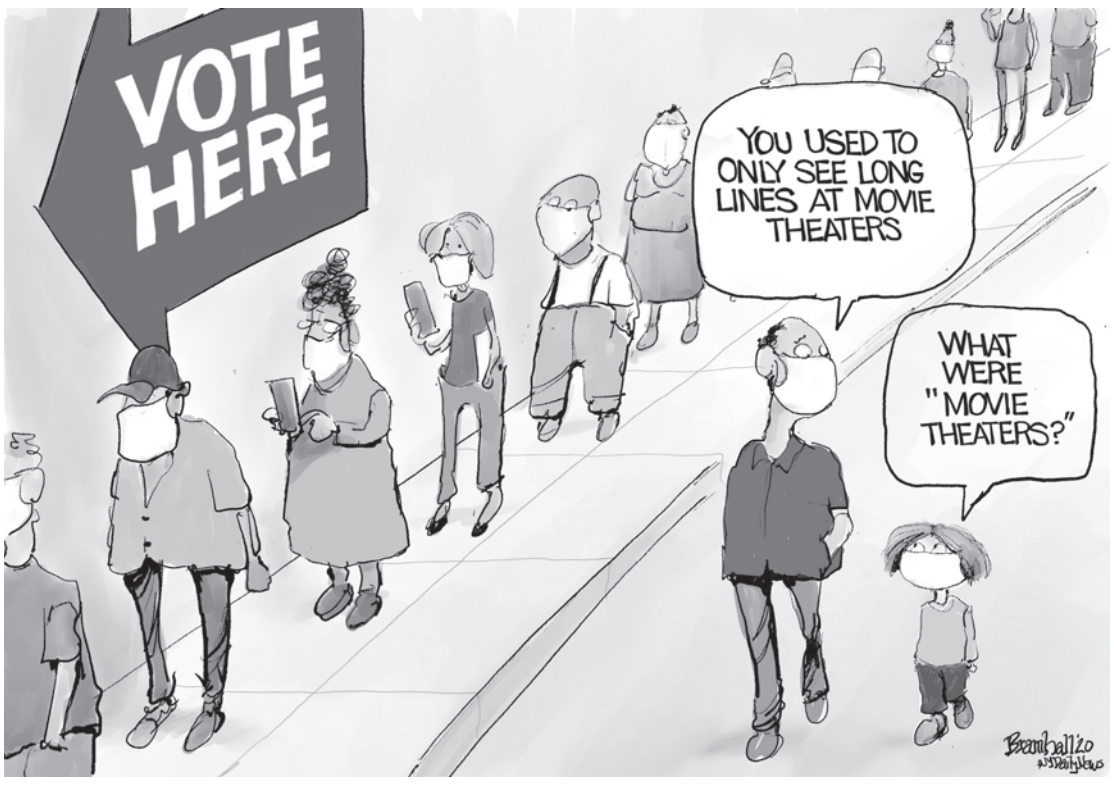
Peters has been a champion for public education and has pushed to increase Pell grants to help bring down the cost of college. He opposed the nomination of Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and has worked to stop her repeated efforts to undermine public education.

Sen. Peters' opponent has received $800,000 from a DeVos SuperPAC and supports her opposition to public education. Peters' opponent has no plan for providing health insurance but wants to repeal the Affordable Care Act, which would eliminate protections for those with pre-existing conditions and deprive millions of Americans of health insurance.

Peters has been endorsed by the Detroit Free Press and 20 labor unions, including, The International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and the United Auto Workers.

Sen. Peters has earned our vote. Let's return this hard-working, effective leader to the U.S. Senate.

Ken Peterson
Buchanan



Democrats can't be trusted with our money

Editor,

We have been entertained by some of the greatest showmen in our lives – some notable are Laurel and Hardy, Abbott and Costello, and the Three Stooges. But none more entraining then or now than Nancy Pelosi, Joe Biden and Kalama Harris. I think we should call the Democratic Party flip flops, as they say one thing one day and change it the next.

They support racism and spew hate with everything they say. Very disrespectful to everyone including the unborn who they murder every day for no good reason. Well maybe they don't hate everyone – as Joe was there when the last president gave $1.7 billion to Iran. Was this money given to Iran to help them build up their nuclear arsenal?

Now knowing that the Democrats want to give another $3 trillion in COVID-19 bailout money, $1.7 billion is a drop in the bucket. Maybe that money could have been used to fix our infrastructure and help support our senior citizens with medical insurance.

A million dollars in $100 bills is about 43 inches tall. A billion dollars in $100 bills is 3,540 feet tall (two-thirds of a mile). A trillion dollars in $100 bills is 3,583,333 feet, tall which is 678.66 miles high. Will our grandchildren and great grandchildren ever be able to pay these debts off?

Please, please Democrats, stop with all the scare tactics about Social Security going broke and being eliminated, and also every election year we hear the same old story about graduates not able to find a job.

I see bumper stickers that say "Democrats serve the people." All I can think about is when my dad told me to take the cow down to the bull and get her serviced.

Douglas De Leo
Bangor

VandenHeede's passion influenced his students

Editor,

For three of my four years at Dowagiac Union High School, I had a class taught by Dan VandenHeede, and from him, I learned about and learned to love American history and America's natural beauty.

Many times in his classes I did my best to push the political envelope, expecting an overreaction, but the only thing I got out of it was the understanding that Mr. VandenHeede was always genuinely interested in what I had to say, and that he was always open to discuss the issues that will affect myself and my classmates in the future.

A very fond memory I have of these moments was on the drive home from a cross country meet. I rode in the front of the van with Mr. VandenHeede, and while my teammates slept in the back, he and I had a long conversation about the importance of looking ahead and always being willing to defend the environment – without which there is no future. Because of Mr. VandenHeede, I developed a great appreciation for sustainable living and the preservation of such natural wonders as the Great Lakes and our state and national parks in Michigan. As I went through high school, I found myself more and more open-minded about the issues Mr. VandenHeede is passionate about, and I made it a goal of mine to practice his brand of sustainability and open-mindedness in everyday life.

I have come to realize that throughout our history, no one has been better equipped to lead the common person through such great adversity as war, economic depression and environmental destruction, than one who can empathize with or experience their strife. Because of Mr. VandenHeede's long career educating the common people, I believe wholeheartedly that he is the person for our time in Southwest Michigan.

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ANOTHER OPINION

The women-last recovery: The COVID recession is setting back mothers

The coronavirus has killed 107,472 men in America, and just (just!) 91,332 women (as of Oct. 3).

But the virus' economic impacts here are being disproportionately borne by women, who made up 46 percent of the U.S. workforce pre-pandemic, but account for 54 percent of jobs lost since the recession began. In September alone, married women lost 1.2 million jobs, while single men gained 1 million jobs.

Why? It's simple and it's complicated. Industries and sectors with the greatest job losses tended to be low-wage and service jobs, disproportionately held by women. Meanwhile, hamstrung by closed schools and cut off from accessing outside child care, adult women with children are dropping out of the workforce or scaling back hours at drastically higher rates than working fathers, to help shoulder family responsibilities. The COVID-19 pandemic may have erased a generation's worth of hard-won progress in closing persistent gender disparities in pay.

So it's probably little coincidence that Donald Trump, the man responsible for America's shambolic virus response, is faring poorly in the presidential race among the female electorate.

Trump never fully won over American women, 54 percent of whom voted for Hillary Clinton in 2016. Every day since, he's further alienated female voters. America is still the only major industrialized nation without a national paid parental leave policy. Even before the pandemic, he'd done little to address rising child care, education and health insurance costs – issues that men and women alike care about, but that are now front of mind for mothers who've seen their jobs and employer-based insurance go up in smoke.

The longer the pandemic and economic crisis endure, the more all Americans, but especially women, will suffer economically. The current occupant of the White House deserves a sizable share of the blame, but voting him out won't undo the damage. Only far-sighted policy changes can.

– New York Daily News

OBITUARIES

Sharon Kay Costanza

March 9, 1946 – Oct. 13, 2020

Sharon Kay Costanza, 74, of Sodus went home to be with the Lord and her loving husband on Oct. 13, 2020, surrounded by her loving children, after being ill for a lengthy period of time.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 555 East Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor, with Father James Adams officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service, from 9-10 a.m., also at the church.

In lieu of flowers, please consider memorials to St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 555 East Delaware Ave., Benton Harbor MI, 49022. Those wishing to send a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Sharon was born March 9, 1946, in Indiana to Elwood and Betty (Smith) Vergon.

She was a 1964 graduate of Benton Harbor High School.

On July 8, 1972, she married Angelo M. Costanza of Sodus.

Sharon attended Western Michigan University for a short time and then decided to pursue a career in nursing, graduating from Lake Michigan College as a registered nurse. Sharon stayed in Southwest Michigan her entire life and was employed for over 35 years with Mercy Hospital Benton Harbor, before it merged with Memorial Hospital and then changed to Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Throughout Sharon's working years, she specialized in the operating room, emergency room, dialysis department, home care and home infusion departments before retiring.

Sharon enjoyed raising her two children: Nicole and Brett, spending time with her parents in Sister Lakes, especially in the summer on the lake, and visiting her Grandma Vergon in Buchanan. She visited Graceland with her husband and traveled to Hawaii, Aruba, Mexico and Florida throughout the years.

Sharon also was known for reading; she read every night before she went to bed and even during the day in her spare time.

Sharon loved to go to antique shows, flea markets and became a Jewel Tea Autumn Leaf collector. She met many friends throughout the years through the Jewel Tea club, and also went to many conventions with other collectors until her husband became ill. Sharon also was a cookie jar collector. Collecting and scavenging for treasures was a hobby for Sharon which she loved!

Sharon enjoyed traveling with her husband, Angelo, to Florida during the winter after retirement, and spending time with her precious grandchildren: Charles and Courtney, Taylor, Joseph, Emily and Jacob – the loves of her life.

She also enjoyed talking to her siblings on the phone daily, sometimes twice a day and faithfully writing letters weekly to her brother, Gary, and sister, Charlene.

In Sharon's free time she spent time organizing her class reunion get-togethers and keeping in touch with her classmates.

Sharon is survived by her children: Nicole Costanza Hilsenbeck of Temperance, Mich., Brett (Jennifer) Costanza of Sodus; her sisters: Patricia Contreras (Robert) of Benton Harbor, Charlene Matarese (Leonard) of Buffalo, N.Y., Paulette Adams of Stevensville, and Gary Vergon of Charlevoix, Mich.; grandchildren: Charles and Courtney, Taylor, Joseph, Emily, and Jacob.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Angelo, on Sept. 27, 2013; her father, Elwood, on Sept. 23, 2000, and mother, Betty, on March 3, 2002.

Sharon will be missed by her entire family. Thank you everyone for your love and support. Thank you to the entire staff at Stately Living for caring for Sharon.

Death notices

Tiffany Bower, 50, of Niles died Oct. 14, 2020, at Center for Hospice Care, Mishawaka, Ind. Brown Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Sharon Kay Costanza, 74, of Sodus died Oct. 13, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Anthony Louis Moschiano, 91, of Bridgman, formerly of Urbana, Ill., died Oct. 13, 2020. Pike Funeral Home, Boyd Chapel, Bridgman, 465-3239.

Olga Sauder, 95, of St. Joseph died Oct. 13, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Willie E. Valentine Sr., 69 of Benton Harbor died Oct. 10, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 925-9761.

Jack J. Wagner, 92, of Stevensville died Oct. 13, 2020, at Crown Pointe Assisted Living. Starks & Menchinger Chapel & Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Joel S. Wright, 53, of Coloma died Oct. 12, 2020. Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

Lila Mae Brown

May 15, 1922 – Oct. 10, 2020

Lila Mae Brown, 98, of Buchanan passed away peacefully of natural causes.

Lila is the daughter of Christian and Lillian Schau and resided in the Niles/Buchanan area her entire life.

She was preceded in passing by Arden Osborne Brown Sr., her loving husband of 56 years, and her daughter, Ardelle Kaye Downey (Paul Downey, Buchanan).

Survivors include one daughter, Judith Ann Bailey of Norton Shores; two sons: Arden Osborne Brown Jr., and Terry Lee (Shawn Annette Brown) both of Buchanan. Lila had 13 grandchildren: Dale Mills (Berrien Springs), David Mills (preceded in passing), Cindy Lindrup (preceded in passing), Diane Dreher (Buchanan), Judith Curtis (Niles), Tabitha Smith (Mason, Mich.), Tobin Bailey Jr. (Portland, Ore.), Elizabeth Schofield (Littleton, Colo.), Christian Brown (Lakewood, Colo.), Andrea Brown (Cleveland), Ashley Hendon (Fort Drum, N.Y.), Alisha Damp (South Bend) and Michael Ranft (Fort Riley, Kan.). Lila is also survived by 17 great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Lila was a member of the Buchanan Church of Christ.

Lila was the most devoted wife and mother with a heart full of love she shared with family and friends. All who met her always remembered her warmth and bubbly personality. Being a bit mischievous, Lila left a memorable impression.

She loved life and worked hard alongside Arden, the love of her life. She could always make you smile by sharing a good story or memory to warm your heart. She made herself available to help anyone in need and gave insightful advice grounded in life experience.

Lila's never-ending curiosity led her to seek out new experiences and she became a world traveler at 84 years of age and continued taking trips until the age of 95.

Lila is making her final journey to the Lord now, joining her husband and family members. She will be forever missed and always in our hearts.

A celebration of life graveside service will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at Oak Ridge Cemetery in Buchanan. Friends may visit with the family from 9:30 until 10:30 a.m. at Swem Chapel, 301 Front St., Buchanan.

Memorial donations in Lila's name may be made to The Center for Dementia Research, Nathan Kline Institute, 140 Old Orangeburg Road, Orangeburg, NY 10962, ATTN: Ralph Nixon, M.D., Ph.D., or online at: http://cdr.rfmh.org/index.html; or the Susan G. Komen Foundation Breast Cancer Research, online only at: http://www.info-komen.org/goto/LilaMaeBrown.

Olga Sauder

Dec. 12, 1924 – Oct. 13, 2020

Olga Sauder, 95, of St. Joseph passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at the Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph.

Olga was born on Dec. 12, 1924, in Poland to the late Karl and Wilhelmina (Zipple) Jeske.

She married Eduard Sauder on Nov. 12, 1949, in Germany. Together they came to the U.S. in 1952. Eduard preceded Olga in death on Oct. 16, 2000. Olga worked as an assembler at Gast Manufacturing, retiring in 1988.

Olga is survived by daughter, Hilda (Greg) Platts of St. Joseph, and son, Bob (Patti) Sauder of St. Joseph; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, and three sisters, all living in Germany.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Karl; two brothers, and two sisters.

A celebration of life service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, at St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Benton Harbor, of which she was a member since 1952, with Pastor Jeffery Bolwerk officiating.

Visitation precedes the service from 10-11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow at Hickory Bluff Cemetery in Stevensville.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Matthews Lutheran Church. Friends wishing to leave the family a message of condolence may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Anthony Louis Moschiano

April 19, 1929 – Oct. 13, 2020

Anthony Louis Moschiano, 91, of Bridgman, formerly of Urbana, Ill., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at West Woods of Bridgman, Bridgman.

The family will be remembering him privately and burial will be in Fort Custer National Cemetery. Online condolences accepted at www.PikeFH.com.

Anthony was born April 19, 1929, in Chicago, the son of the late Louis and Florence (Bucceri) Moschiano.

He married Dorothy Fluera and she preceded him in death in 2012.

Anthony served proudly in the U.S. Marines.

Survivors include his children: Debra Ritter and Mark (Josefa) Moschiano; eight grandchildren, and many great-grandchildren.

Anthony was preceded in death by his children: Florence Paneauga and Louis Moschiano, and siblings: Frank Moschiano and Ann Macino.

Arrangements entrusted to Pike Funeral and Cremation Services, Boyd Chapel, 9191 Red Arrow Hwy, Bridgman.

Danny Smith

June 28, 1953 – Feb. 24, 2020

Danny (Fuzz) Smith departed from this life on Monday, Feb. 24, 2020.

Danny was born June 28, 1953, to Margaret (Cox) Smith and Leonard (Corky) Smith in Benton Harbor. He grew up in Sodus and attended River School and Eau Claire High School.

He joined the U.S. Army when he was 16 years old, during the Vietnam War. He was in the 106th Transportation Battalion stationed in Germany.

After the Army he married Lorraine Keller.

Danny loved his Harley Davidson Motorcycles and owned Fuzz's Cycle Repair where he not only worked on Harleys, but rebuilt them. He also raced a 360 Bull Taco.

Danny retired after many years of cross country truck driving.

In 1999, he married Dana Roberts and acquired two sons. At the time of his death, he was living in Beaverdam, Ky.

Danny is survived by his wife, Dana; sons: Kevin and Jacob; two daughters-in-law; two granddaughters; one grandson; his sister, Phyllis (John) Wilk; nephew, Robert Wilk; niece, Rebecca (Ted) Ellis, and great-nephew, Justin Ellis.

Danny was preceded in death by his mother, Margaret Smith; his father, Leonard Smith, and his great-nephew, Matthew Ellis.

Danny will be greatly missed. A Military Rites Memorial Service will be at 2 p.m. Oct. 17, at the Lake Charter Township Park, 10810 Gast Road, Bridgman.

Joel Wright

Dec. 3, 1966 – Oct. 12, 2020

Joel S. Wright, 53, of Coloma died Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at the Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Services celebrating his life will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. The family will receive friends and relatives beginning at noon on Saturday at the Davidson Chapel.

Cremation will follow the service and burial of the ashes will be held at a later date. Please share memories, messages or photos at www.florin.net.

Joel was born on Dec. 3, 1966, in Royal Oak, Mich., to Evelyn Wright and adopted by Lester and Helen Wright.

He was self-employed and owned Shane's Tree Service. Joel was a talented musician and loved playing the guitar. He was a friend of anybody he met and he was a thoughtful and caring person. He will be dearly missed by the Wright and Mulhern families and his friends.

His family includes his children: Shalyn Wright of Coloma, Shane Wright of Watervliet, and Joel Wright of Watervliet; his one grandchild, with two more grandchildren soon to be born; and his many brothers and sisters.

Extra safety scrutiny planned as virus vaccine worries grow

By LAURAN NEERGAARD
Associated Press

Facing public skepticism about rushed COVID-19 vaccines, U.S. health officials are planning extra scrutiny of the first people vaccinated when shots become available – an added safety layer experts call vital.

A new poll suggests those vaccine fears are growing. With this week's pause of a second major vaccine study because of an unexplained illness – and repeated tweets from President Donald Trump that raise the specter of politics overriding science – a quarter of Americans say they won't get vaccinated. That's a slight increase from 1 in 5 in May.

The poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found only 46 percent of Americans want a COVID-19 vaccine and another 29 percent are unsure.

More striking, while Black Americans have been especially hard-hit by COVID-19, just 22 percent say they plan to get vaccinated compared with 48 percent of white Americans, the AP-NORC poll found.

"I am very concerned about hesitancy regarding COVID vaccine," said Dr. William Schaffner, a vaccine specialist at Vanderbilt University who says even the primary care doctors who'll need to recommend vaccinations have questions.

"So the chances of there being secret hanky-panky are almost zero, because everything is going to be transparent."

DR. ANTHONY FAUCI

"If the politicians would stand back and let the scientific process work, I think we'd all be better off," he added.

The stakes are high: Shunning a COVID-19 shot could derail efforts to end the pandemic – while any surprise safety problems after one hits the market could reverberate into distrust of other routine vaccines.

On top of rigorous final testing in tens of thousands of people, any COVID-19 vaccines cleared for widespread use will get additional safety evaluation as they're rolled out. Among plans from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Texting early vaccine recipients to check how they're feeling, daily for the first week and then weekly out to six weeks.

Any vaccine before Election Day is extremely unlikely. Over Trump's objections, the Food and Drug Administration issued clear safety and effectiveness standards that shots must meet – and Commissioner Stephen Hahn insists career scientists, not politicians, will decide each possible vaccine's fate only after all the evidence is debated at a public meeting.

Dr. Anthony Fauci, the top U.S. infectious diseases expert, says that should be reassuring because it means scientists like himself will see all the evidence.

"So the chances of there being secret hanky-panky are almost zero, because everything is going to be transparent," he told The AP.

Here are some things to watch as vaccines get closer to the finish line.

There's still no guarantee

Furthest along in final-stage testing in the U.S. are a vaccine candidate made by Pfizer Inc. and Germany's BioNTech, and another developed by Moderna Inc. and the National Institutes of Health.

Fauci says "the best bet" is that data about whether one or both work will emerge sometime in November or December.

How soon depends on an independent Data Safety and Monitoring Board – the only group that can peek at the data before the study's finished. At pre-set time points, the board can analyze the number of infections occurring so far among participants and decide if the study should be stopped early because of strong evidence the vaccine works, or if it's failing, or that it's too soon to know.

Effectiveness is only half the story

The DSMB also watches for side effects. Many vaccines cause temporary side effects like fever, chills and other flu-like symptoms.

Two other vaccine candidates in final-stage testing in the U.S. have been temporarily halted to investigate additional safety questions. Johnson & Johnson paused its study this week after learning of "an unexplained illness" in one participant, and the company expects it will take a few days to learn if the problem is a side effect or a coincidence.

But testing of AstraZeneca's vaccine has been on hold in the U.S. for over a month after news emerged of neurological illnesses in two British participants. Regulators let AstraZeneca's study resume in Britain and several other countries, but FDA still is deciding.

Stopping those studies "shows you that the system that we have in place to monitor the safety of the vaccines and the rigorous conduct of the trial is in place and it's working," Schaffner said.

Looking back at vaccines for other diseases, side effects show up within two to three months, said FDA vaccine chief Dr. Peter Marks.

So FDA told COVID-19 vaccine makers: If they seek "emergency use authorization" to get their shot to market faster than normal, they still would have to track half the participants for two months after the last dose.

Then it would take FDA several weeks of breakneck work to decide if a COVID-19 vaccine really was suitable for emergency use, Marks said. In contrast, evaluating an application for full approval could take months, as FDA officials comb through fuller records of how participants fared.

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DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

Lotus made her debut Wednesday at the Krasl Art Center in St. Joseph. Lotus is a 2,500-pound, 8 1/2-foot high bronze sculpture of a hippopotamus. The hippo was gently lifted onto Krasl's grounds with equipment provided by the Glenlord Home Center of Stevensville. The acquisition of the sculpture is part of the Krasl's effort to help the Twin Cities area become known for its outdoor sculpture. When the acquisition committee talked about getting a new sculpture, members agreed they wanted something that would attract children. They also expect the bronze hippo's ears, nose and one toe to turn shiny from being touched by art center visitors. Officials picked the name Lotus from children's entries in a name contest.

1985 – 35 years ago

Berrien General Hospital's Birth-Place was used for 105 births in September, a monthly record, according to hospital President Sandra Bruce. For the hospital's fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, 960 babies were born, a 12.3 percent increase over the previous 12-month period. The previous record was 99 babies in July. Birth-Place has 10 postpartum beds and a birthing room in addition to a birthing suite, or apartment. The birthing room and apartment were added to the hospital in 1984.

1970 – 50 years ago

Laurence Zeychowicz, director of the Watervliet school band, is forming a school and community orchestra. Zeychowicz said those interested in joining can contact him at school or at home. The director also said the new organization needs violins, violas and cellos, as well as a piano. Anyone interested in donating any of the instruments should contact Zeychowicz.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Oct. 15, the 289th day of 2020. There are 77 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Oct. 15, 1976, in the first debate of its kind between vice-presidential nominees, Democrat Walter F. Mondale and Republican Bob Dole faced off in Houston.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte, the deposed Emperor of the French, arrived on the British-ruled South Atlantic island of St. Helena, where he spent the last 5 1/2 years of his life in exile.

In 1917, Dutch exotic dancer Mata Hari (Margaretha ZelleGeertruida MacLeod), 41, convicted by a French military court of spying for the Germans, was executed by a firing squad outside Paris. (Maintaining her innocence to the end, Mata Hari refused a blindfold and blew a kiss to her executioners.)

In 1940, Charles Chaplin's first all-talking comedy, "The Great Dictator," a lampoon of Adolf Hitler, opened in New York.

In 1945, the former premier of Vichy France, Pierre Laval, was executed for treason.

In 1946, Nazi war criminal Hermann Goering fatally poisoned himself hours before he was to have been executed.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly Cloudy	Mostly Clear	Mostly Sunny	Mostly Cloudy	Few Showers	Few Showers
55°	42°	56° / 40°	59° / 45°	57° / 41°	51° / 40°

Local Outlook

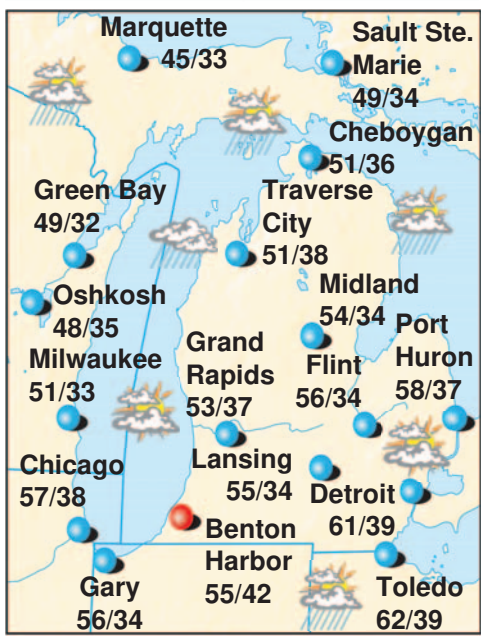
Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 55°, humidity of 62%. West wind 13 to 21 mph. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 42°. West northwest wind 7 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 39°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:58 a.m.
Sunset	7:03 p.m.
Moonrise	6:14 a.m.
Moonset	6:52 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
10/16	10/23	10/31	11/8

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	74°
Low	43°
Normal High	64°
Normal Low	43°
Record High	77° in 2000
Record Low	28° in 2002

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.71"
Normal for month	1.43"
Year to date	28.90"
Normal Year to date	30.18"

Air Quality

Yesterday 41

Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

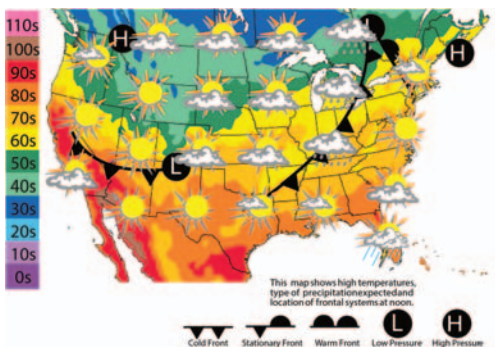
Weather Trivia

What is the average diameter of the eye of a hurricane?

Answer: 14 miles.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Oct. 15, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, W wind 17 to 23 kt, with gusts as high as 31 kt. A chance of showers. Waves 5 to 6 ft. Water temperature 67 degrees. Tonight, NW wind 16 to 20 kt.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with widespread showers, highs in the 40s and 50s. West wind 16 to 23 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies Friday with widespread showers and rain, highs in the 40s and 50s. Southwest wind 7 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated showers, highs in the 50s and 60s. West wind 13 to 21 mph. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with highs in the 50s. Southwest wind 6 to 14 mph.

CONGRESSIONAL

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businesses to stay economically afloat."

If elected in November, Hoadley said he plans to focus heavily on a constituent service office in an effort to connect with residents. He also wants to hold town halls every quarter of the year to take questions and provide updates to constituents.

In addition to attracting more entrepreneurs and investing in rural broadband, Hoadley said long-term care will need extra attention following the pandemic.

"We have so many people in Southwest Michigan who need a little bit of help so they can age with dignity at home," he said. "I want to expand those programs and have added protections in place so caregivers can earn enough to provide for their own families."

Stimulus expectations

What does each candidate want for the next stimulus package?

Upton said it depends on how long the stimulus package would last. He predicts about $2 trillion going toward the next stimulus package, and is in support of each resident receiving another $1,200 stimulus check.

"This is a crazy time. This has been rough on a lot of people," Upton said. "The faster we get out of this, the better we will be."

Hoadley said he favors residents getting the same amount – or more if an agreement can be made – from the check residents received in the spring. He said there needs to be ongoing support for small business owners and those who are unemployed.

"They need long-term help and we owe it to those folks so their lives don't suffer," Hoadley said. "I want state and local government support as well. This is the time when we should be investing more in America. If we don't see a stimulus package to include support for emergency responders and public safety, then we will be in a really difficult spot."

Hoadley and Upton have both been paying attention to the presidential campaigns. However, one is taking a hands-off approach for the Nov. 3 election.

Upton said he is not endorsing a presidential candidate, but intends to "support his party's ticket." The president's various controversies since his election have put pressure on moderate Republicans like Upton, to at times put distance between themselves and Trump.

"I've said for some time, that as a Republican, I'm supporting the ticket," Upton said. When asked to clarify if he was publicly endorsing a candidate, Upton reiterated: "People know I've had disagreements with the president, but I am supporting the ticket."

In contrast, Hoadley said he has endorsed former Vice President Joe Biden.

"I'm endorsing him because he has experience," Hoadley said. "I support the plans that he's proposed and the work he's done on issues ranging from social equality to health care to criminal justice reform. He is moving us in a direction we need to go."

Closing arguments

Upton said he believes voters will elect him to an 18th term in Congress based on his record.

"I think most people want bipartisanship. There's rarely a piece of legislation I've worked on that hasn't been bipartisan," Upton said. "Whether it is oil spill legislation for the Great Lakes, immigration reform or working with farmers, I have a lot of friends on both sides of the aisle."

Hoadley said voters will choose differently this November because his opponent has "failed to deliver on issues over his 34 years in office.

"Health care's gotten worse, the environment has faced so many problems and schools are struggling," Hoadley said. "He's gotten 17 chances to deliver on these issues. I'm asking for one chance. Give me a shot on tackling the biggest issues that our families are facing."

In addition to Hoadley and Upton, members of the Libertarian and Green parties will also appear on the Nov. 3 ballot.

Libertarian Jeff Depoy is a machinist and military veteran from Berrien Center.

Green Party candidate John Lawrence is a medical dispatcher and logistics and courier transporter from Kalamazoo.

Michigan's 6th Congressional District – long a Republican stronghold – includes all of Berrien, Cass, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties and most of Allegan County.

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GARDENING

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business, Baroda Triangle, which is about making the world more socially and environmentally sustainable. In addition, he said he works part time at Moonrise Winery in Watervliet.

Heppler said having a garden educator who can work with the students during the school day is critical so more students learn about gardening. Because he has his own classroom of students, he said he can't go to other classrooms during the day.

Instead, he is in charge of the Leader in Me Garden Club, which normally meets after school but has been put on hold during the pandemic.

Don Campbell / HP staff

Dane Rasmussen shows students the kitchen cottage Wednesday afternoon at the Hollywood Elementary School garden in Stevensville.

"We can teach these children how to take care of the soil, how to take care of the living things in the soil and how to take care of the Earth better," he said.

Heppler said schools shut down in March right when he was gearing up to start taking the club members out to work in the garden.

He planted some vegetables in the garden, hoping that families would be allowed to help over the summer. But that didn't happen.

However, he didn't want the food to go to waste, so he donated it to the Benton Harbor Soup Kitchen and to the Road to Hope Food Pantry at Road to Life Church.

"What a wonderful way to give back to the community when a lot of people are suffering and need food during this pandemic," said Principal Natalie Macerata.

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SHOREHAM

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a forensic audit to look into alleged mismanagement of village finances. No timeline has been given on when the forensic audit will be completed.

The village has struggled to retain a treasurer the past four years, leaving Trapikas to fulfill the financial duties. His wife, Debra Trapikas, is the clerk, which is a non-voting elected position. She is running unopposed in November for another two-year term.

Mais said the problem is that when there is no treasurer, the president and clerk are the only two people authorized to sign the checks and pay the bills.

"I believe our top issue now is to return to a system where there is financial oversight and not have the money managed and spending approved from one household, as has been the case since 2016," she said.

Bruno Trapikas said last month that he agrees there should be an independent treasurer, but no one wants to take over the elected position. The previous auditor resigned mid-September and no one is on the ballot seeking the two-year position.

Trapikas said that starting next year, there will be an option to separate the oversight and accounting functions so the treasurer's position isn't as intense and, hopefully, someone will want to take it.

He said that the biggest concern facing the village is that the trustees are choosing to act without legal advice.

Trapikas and his wife have four adult children and four grandchildren. He said he was the former city planner for Chicago for 30 years before retiring. He has also taught economics since 2008 at various local community colleges.

Mais said that if elected, she will immediately have the board work on a plan to create as much financial oversight as possible, especially when there is no treasurer.

She said she would actively pursue a qualified treasurer and attorney who can attend the village meetings.

"I believe having a new leader with a different tone of leadership would result in people wanting to serve on the Shoreham Village Council again," she said. "If I am elected president, I will allow my council members to do their job. I will restore democracy, respect and order in our meetings. I hope to restore trust in our village government. Trust that this present leadership team has lost."

Mais is a paraeducator and classroom sub at Lighthouse Education Center with Berrien RESA. She has one adult daughter and twin 14-year-old daughters who attend Upton Middle School.

In addition, there are three trustee seats with four-year terms on the ballot. However, only two people are running – Trustees Stephanie Clarke and John Michael Schnable. Trustee Marie-Christine Escoda-Risto is not seeking reelection.

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LEGISLATURE

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emergency declaration and underlying orders are no longer in effect. Her administration quickly reinstated mask requirements, business capacity restrictions and other regulations under a public health law.

But the court decision forced her to work with the GOP-controlled Legislature on some issues.

Republicans and their allies in the business community said the immunity legislation was necessary to stop frivolous pandemic-related suits. A group representing plaintiff's attorneys said it successfully lobbied to remove the "most harmful provisions," including those that would have barred lawsuits unless a person had minimum symptoms or if the employer had substantially complied with safety guidelines.

The Michigan Association for Justice "steadfastly maintained our objections to any form of immunity while at the same time ensuring that any immunity that might be passed be as restrictive as possible," president Donna MacKenzie said.

Other measures sent to the governor following hours of negotiations would codify her administration's recently announced changes related to the care of nursing home residents recovering from the virus, let public bodies continue to meet electronically, and extend renewal dates for driver's licenses and vehicle registrations. A nursing home could be a designated "care and recovery" center only if it had a federal staffing rating of at least three out of five stars and the staff were solely dedicated to treating COVID-19 patients.

Nursing home residents account for 30 percent of Michigan deaths that have been tied to the virus.

"I think people are concerned that, up until now, their elected officials who are their voice in Lansing have not had input into these orders. As we move forward, I'm pleased the Legislature will have a seat at the table in crafting important decisions that affect our districts and constituents each and every day," said Republican Rep. Annette Glenn of Midland.

The sponsor of the unemployment bill, Republican Sen. Ken Horn of Frankenmuth, said it would ensure that people out of work during the pandemic see no interruption in benefits. Whitmer last spring extended the maximum length of state payments from 20 to 26 weeks, and made other unemployment changes.

The jobless can receive additional payments from the federal government once they exhaust their state benefits.

The provisions in the unemployment bill would remain in place through Dec. 31.

"It's good the Legislature took a step forward to provide immediate, temporary relief for families, but the bills just kick the can down the road and the Legislature needs to take further action to make this permanent," Whitmer spokeswoman Tiffany Brown said.

hp SPORTS

Virus could have big effect on state playoffs

With the high school football playoffs on the near horizon, I have to wonder how the coronavirus is going to affect the playoffs.

Al Arend
Big Al's Picks

Last week 29 games were canceled, 19 due to virus-related reasons. Twenty-one teams earned forfeit wins because of their opponent's cancellations.

Even if virus cancellations subside in the next two weeks, which is very doubtful, I question how many 0-6 teams are going to want to extend their season another week if they must face an undefeated team in the pre-districts. Why chance it?

The following area teams are involved in 11-man districts:

D3 – Lakeshore, St. Joseph, Niles, Harper Creek, Coldwater, Parma Western, Gull Lake and Sturgis.

D4 – Paw Paw, Edwardsburg, Allegan, Hastings, Otsego, Plainwell, Three Rivers and Vicksburg.

D5 – Benton Harbor, Berrien Springs, Dowagiac, South Haven, Olivet, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo United and Lansing Catholic.

D6 – Coloma, Buchanan, Watervliet, Brandywine, Fennville, Comstock, Constantine and Parchment.

D7 – Hartford, Lawton, Schoolcraft, Bronson, Delton, Galesburg-Augusta, Homer and Union City.

D8 – Cassopolis, Decatur, River Valley, Centreville, Mendon, Reading, Saugatuck and White Pigeon.

Pairings, based on playoff points earned, will be announced after the regular season.

The pre-district assignments for eight-man football have not been finalized as of this writing.

Area teams in Division 1 include Bridgman, Bangor, Bloomingdale, Eau Claire, New Buffalo, Lawrence, Gobles, Marcellus and Martin.

However, Bridgman, Bangor and Bloomingdale are three of the state's six 8-man teams with enrollments over the 215 limit for state tournament competition.

According to Ken Schmaltz, Bridgman athletic director, the MHSAA is going to pair off those six schools to play two or three extra games based on their playoff point totals.

Schmaltz indicated the winner of the six-game mini-tournament will not be considered a state champion, nor should it be. "We're just happy the MHSAA came up with a way to let us extend our season," Schmaltz added.

In Division 2, Michigan Lutheran is the only area squad.

Let's hope it all works out!

Top high school games

Coloma 31, Watervliet 27

In the oldest rivalry in Berrien County, I'm going with the Comets to win the Battle of Red Arrow Highway by four points. That's a "good line."

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Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Ethan Murrin defends against Sturgis' Fredy Camacho Alvez during the first half of Wednesday night's game.

Tough road to goal

St. Joseph finds way through Sturgis defense to win boys district soccer opener

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

ST. JOSEPH — St. Joseph is favored to claim a Division 2 boys soccer district title this season, and is ready for its underdog opponents to do everything possible to make it hard to score.

St. Joseph 3 Sturgis 0

That's certainly what happened in Wednesday's opener, as the Bears had to battle through a tough Sturgis defense for a 3-0 victory. St. Joseph (11-3-1) advances to play either Vicksburg or Niles next Monday at Vicksburg.

"That's tough," St. Joseph coach John Brown said. "They're going to play a lot of guys behind the ball. Obviously by design that's what they're looking to do. It took a little while for us to find it, but the guys stayed positive.

"I would definitely plan on seeing this again, for sure. We've just got to be a little bit sharper with that final third with executing. I'd anticipate this is kind of going to be a theme."

St. Joseph held a 14-2 advantage in shots on goal, and had many other shots narrowly miss the target. It took the Bears until the 34th minute to get one in the back of the net, as Lars Razor dribbled past a defender on the left side and centered the ball in to Jack Pender for the score.

The Bears tried shooting from long range on several occasions in the first half with no success. That changed in the 59th minute, when Seth Walters took a pass from Cameron Dirlam and launched the ball into

See **BEARS**, page B2

Don Campbell / HP staff

St. Joseph's Lars Razor passes during the first half of Wednesday night's game against Sturgis.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Coloma set for battle with rival Watervliet

Comets, Panthers to square off in SAC Lakeshore clash

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Coloma has plenty to play for in Friday's home football game against Watervliet.

The Comets not only have a chance to defeat their biggest rival, but can position themselves for a home playoff game and perhaps a shot at sharing the Southwestern Athletic Conference Lakeshore Division championship.

Coloma (2-1 SAC Lakeshore, 3-1) has won the last two meetings. Prior to that, Watervliet (1-2, 2-2) had won five straight going back to 2010. The teams didn't play from 2012-14.

Coloma's only loss this season was to unbeaten Kalamazoo United, a game the Comets led 20-8 before falling 36-20.

If Coloma beats Watervliet and United falls to Constantine, the Comets could earn a SAC Lakeshore title share by topping Constantine in the final week of the season.

Coloma is coming off a 36-25 victory over Parchment. They threw just three passes in the game, instead turning to running backs James Mathis and Jacobie Bonds. Mathis rushed 21 times for 156 yards and two touchdowns, and Bonds added eight carries for 75 yards and a score.

On the season, Coloma has been effective throwing, with quarterback Drew Goodline passing for 490 yards and nine touchdowns.

"We've got a group of dudes that will do what it takes to win, whether it's through the air on the ground," Coloma coach Joe Stephens said.

Watervliet struggled in its last two games, losses to Constantine and United, after a pair of lopsided wins over Galesburg-Augusta and Fennville. Stephens still

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U-M expected to be good, not great, with Harbaugh again

By LARRY LAGE
Associated Press

Michigan has been good, not great, under coach Jim Harbaugh.

Harbaugh's sixth season in charge of college football's winningest program is expected to follow its recent form.

The Wolverines are No. 19 in The Associated Press college poll, way behind rival and sixth-ranked Ohio State. Michigan is also going into the season trailing No. 9 Penn State and No. 16 Wisconsin, two teams that are scheduled to play at the Big House during the Big Ten's shortened season.

Michigan defensive end Kwity Paye said the team is under the radar and has taken a lot of punches from people.

"Going into the year, people usually say, 'Oh, Michigan's just a decent team,'" Paye said. "But this year, we're trying to be different."

Paye acknowledged the outside perspective is shaped by fact that the Wolverines are coming off a four-loss season and have lost four straight bowl games.

"Even our fifth-years, we don't have rings," he said. "Bowl games, championships – we don't have nothing. We're all hungry."

Michigan has not won a Big Ten title since 2004, enduring its longest run without a conference championship in Big Ten history.

Losing a record eight straight to the Buckeyes, and 15 of 16 games in the rivalry, has a lot to do with that drought.

"We get ready to play against them every day," Michigan defensive coordinator Don Brown said. "We're running plays, we're seeing concepts – and we've got a lot of work to do."

What's the deal

Three months ago, Harbaugh said he was closing in on a contract extension in February before the COVID-19 pandemic became a top priority for all involved in the discussions.

Michigan athletic director Warde Manuel has said more than once that he wants Harbaugh to lead the Wolverines until he chooses to retire from coaching.

Heading into his sixth season, though, Harbaugh has just two years left on a deal that pays him about $7 million per season. He is 47-18 overall with the Wolverines and 32-12 in the Big Ten.

Who's back

Michigan returns five players starters on offense. Leading rushers,

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Expectations tempered for MSU in Tucker's 1st season

By NOAH TRISTER
Associated Press

Mel Tucker got a late start at Michigan State. Mark Dantonio's retirement didn't come until February, and Tucker was hired as the new coach shortly after that.

Then Tucker had about a month of normalcy before the coronavirus pandemic made his transition period even harder.

"I didn't know what Zoom was before COVID, and I think we've become Zoom experts," Tucker said earlier this offseason. "Initially, all of our contact was electronic. It was Zoom, FaceTime, text, phone calls, maybe hopping on a video game with a guy and talking with him through a headset, that was how we connected with our players. And that was quite a challenge, but it was a lot of fun."

Now Tucker can work with his players in person, and although the circumstances in his first year as coach have been less than ideal, the program won't be burdened by huge expectations. The last few seasons under Dantonio were difficult, and Michigan State appeared to be in a rebuilding mode well before the virus interfered with this past offseason.

Dantonio won three Big Ten titles at Michigan State and brought the Spartans to heights they hadn't reached in decades, but in his final four seasons the team went just 17-19 in Big Ten play. Last year, Michigan State was 7-6 overall, but the Spartans were blown out by Ohio State (34-10), Wisconsin (38-0), Penn State (28-7) and Michigan (44-10).

Now Michigan State must replace NFL draft picks Kenny Willekes and Josiah Scott. It feels like the Spartans' playoff appearance in 2015 was a long time ago.

That did not prevent Michigan State from landing a coach with Power Five experience, however. Tucker coached Colorado for one season before taking over the Spartans.

"We're very process driven, and it's unfolding right before our eyes, and we're working hard at it every day to cement our culture, continue to drive home our process," Tucker said recently. "But I do see a significant buy-in from our players in terms of what we're asking them to do, and that is very, very positive."

Quarterback options

The Spartans have to replace Brian Lewerke at quarterback. Rocky Lombardi and Theo Day return at that position, but they combined for

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Watervliet, Coloma advance in soccer district

By HP STAFF

Watervliet won a boys district soccer game for the first time ever on Wednesday, defeating Buchanan 8-0.

The Panthers, in their second season as a program, got three goals from Brady Bornas, two from Brennan Bornas, and one each from Andrew Chisek, Abel Villarreal and Nathan Isbrecht. Bryan Perez had three assists and Isbrecht added two.

Watervliet (11-2) advances to host South Haven (12-2-1) at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the semifinals. The top-seeded Rams moved on with a 8-0 win over Constantine.

On the other side of the bracket, Coloma (6-7) defeated Brandywine 3-0 behind three second-half goals, two from Cannon Hodges and one from Lucian Whitaker. Tyler Russell and Luis Olivera-Rodriguez had assists.

Coloma will travel to Dowagiac for a 5 p.m. Tuesday semifinal. The Chieftains were an 8-0 winner over Berrien Springs on Wednesday.

Division 3 district

WATERVLIET 8, BUCHANAN 0

Goals — Brady Bornas 3, Brennan Bornas 2, Andrew Chisek, Abel Villarreal, Nathan Isbrecht.
Assists – Bryan Perez 3, Isbrecht 2, Villarreal, Brady Bornas, Erick Perez.
Halftime – Watervliet 8-0.
Records – Watervliet 11-2, Buchanan 3-7.

COLOMA 3, BRANDYWINE 0

Goals — Cannon Hodges 2, Lucian Whitaker.
Assists – Tyler Russell, Luis Olivera-Rodriguez.
Shots on goal – Coloma 14, Brandywine 8.
Saves – Wes Seabury (C) 8.
Records – Coloma 6-7, Brandywine 3-6-2.

VOLLEYBALL

SOUTH HAVEN D. BRIDGMAN 25-13, 25-23, 25-11

Bridgman — Peyton Oman 6 kills, 16 digs; Haylee Kanous 12 assists, 6 digs; Takiya Cornelius 1 ace, 8 kills, 1 block, 4 digs; Bella Gearheardt 3 digs; Ava Ward 4 assists, 5 digs; Javin Graves 3 blocks; Autumn Brown 5 digs; Bre Russell 1 kill, 13 digs; Kelcy Keller 2 digs.
Records – Bridgman 2-3 BCS Red, 7-11.

GULL LAKE D. ST. JOSEPH 25-13, 23-25, 25-19, 25-10

St. Joseph — Laure Konopacki 1 dig; Kate Gersonde 2 assists, 18 digs; Emily Watson 1 kill, 19 assists, 1 ace, 3 digs; Bea Craig 2 kills, 1 dig, 1 block; Kiki Sohn 2 kills, 3 assists, 12 digs; Courtney Koch 7 kills, 2 digs; Taylor Valdes 8 kills, 1 assists, 8 digs; Lindsey Piontek 7 kills, 1 assists, 2 digs; Karly Klaer 14 kills, 10 assists, 3 aces, 13 digs.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN D. RIVER VALLEY 25-22, 25-11, 25-17

Lutheran — Hailey Conrad 4 kills, 3 digs, 8 assists, 2 aces; Sophee Garcia 5 digs, 13 assists; Brooke Gerlach 8 kills, 6 digs; Abigail Marquis 5 kills, 3 digs, 2 aces; Jenna Koehler 23 digs, 4 aces; Natalie Ritter 3 digs; Jules Koehler 3 kills, 3 digs; Reese Maas 3 digs; Kaylee Schebel 2 kills.
Record – Michigan Lutheran 4-0 BCS White, 6-6.

NEW BUFFALO D. EAU CLAIRE 25-7, 25-9, 25-8

New Buffalo — Ava Mullen 12 aces, 5 kills; Kelsey Corkran 6 aces, 16 digs; Sophia DeOliveira 5 aces, 8 kills.
Eau Claire – Alisha Tokarz 1 dig; Nicole Clark 1 block; Ali Ferry 3 digs; Kayla Ferry 1 assist, 3 digs; Lizzy Little 1 ace, 1 assist, 4 digs; Julia Kurland 3 digs; Emilee Demski 2 aces, 4 kills, 5 digs, 2 blocks; Kriscia Whitfield 2 digs; Jazmyn Martinez 1 dig.
Records – New Buffalo 3-0 BCS White, 12-0.

NILES D. BUCHANAN 25-17, 25-20, 27-25

Niles — Amelia Florkowski 1 ace, 2 digs; Cadence Knight 1 ace, 3 assists, 15 digs; Emma Beckman 1 ace, 3 kills, 23 assists, 5 digs; Anna Johnson 1 ace, 5 assists, 5 digs; Jillian Bruckner 1 ace, 7 kills, 5 blocks, 3 digs; Marika Ruppart 7 kills, 6 blocks; Laura Golubski 7 kills, 2 digs; Amara Palmer 6 kills; Lexi Krueger 3 kills, 1 block, 2 digs; Halyeah McFadden 2 kills; Bailey Bickel 5 digs.
Buchanan – Kylie Boller 7 kills; Katie Schau 6 kills, 4 digs, 2 aces; Hailey Jonatzke 12 digs; Josie West 2 aces; Claire Shelton 25 assists.
Records – Niles 6-0 BCS Red, 14-8 (won BCS Red title); Buchanan 2-3, 14-5.

Tuesday's results

SOUTH HAVEN D. WATERVLIET 25-16, 25-21, 25-18

Watervliet — Samantha Dietz 10 kills, 7 digs; Grace Chisek 10 assists, 1 ace, 11 digs, 3 blocks; Myah Hobson 1 kill, 3 blocks; Jaylie Querfurth 10 digs; Ellie Golden 1 kill, 4 digs, 2 aces; Addison Riley 1 kill, 1 block, 2 digs; Natalie Hart 2 kills, 2 assists, 1 ace, 1 dig; Allison Pline 3 aces, 1 dig.

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys

PORTAGE NORTHERN 20, LAKESHORE 39

Lakeshore – 1. Race Bettich 16:30.6, 8. Grant Rose 18:32.8, 9. Charlie Ogata 18:37.5, 10. Sam Stephens 19:07.6, 11. Lucas Balkema 19:09.3.

Girls

PORTAGE NORTHERN 24, LAKESHORE 31

Race winner – Samantha Killmer (PN) 20:34.5.
Lakeshore – 2. Emily Peters 21:54.7, 4. Abigail Winsman 22:41.0, 7. Haylee Woods 23:04.1, 8. Rachel Vroegop 23:05.0, 10. Lanie Brant 23:12.7.

Tuesday's results

BCS WHITE CHAMPIONSHIP

Girls

Team scores – 1. LM Catholic 31, 2. River Valley 35, 3. Lawrence 55. No team score: Eau Claire, New Buffalo.
Top 15 – 1. Allison Glendening (Cath) 21:01, 2. Ericka Lopez (EC) 21:46, 3. Madeline Madsen (Lwr) 22:59, 4. Eliza McGinn (NB) 23:07, 5. Rylee Rogers (RV) 23:30, 6. Hattie Latham (Cath) 23:36, 7. Kurstun Smith (RV) 24:06, 8. Isabella Schrauben (Cath) 24:15, 9. Abby Vitale (Cath) 24:31, 10. Taylor Volstorf (RV) 24:39, 11. Claudia Rebollar-Juarez (RV) 25:23, 12. Abigail Schrauben (Cath) 25:45, 13. Samantha Smith (NB) 25:52, 14. Jian Toy (Lwr) 26:34, 15. Chloe Mills (Cath) 27:49.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

SOUTHWESTERN MICHIGAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
BC Lakeview	4-0	4-0	98	30
Portage Northern	4-0	4-0	129	31
Lakeshore	3-1	3-1	107	47
St. Joseph	2-1	3-1	100	65
Mattawan	1-2	1-3	33	104
BC Central	1-3	1-3	90	130
Kal. Central	1-3	1-3	80	126
Gull Lake	0-3	0-4	49	131
Portage Central	0-3	0-4	13	54

WOLVERINE CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Paw Paw	4-0	4-0	193	34
Edwardsburg	3-0	4-0	174	30
Plainwell	2-1	3-1	127	35
Dowagiac	2-2	2-2	50	86
Sturgis	2-2	2-2	61	88
Vicksburg	2-2	2-2	118	115
Otsego	1-3	1-3	64	106
Allegan	0-3	0-4	30	163
Three Rivers	0-3	0-4	35	174

BERRIEN-CASS-ST. JOSEPH CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Buchanan	3-0	4-0	132	35
Brandywine	1-0	3-1	158	95
Comstock	1-1	2-2	98	103
South Haven	2-2	2-2	90	90
Berrien Springs	1-3	1-3	60	79
Niles	0-2	1-3	48	104

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN EIGHT-MAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Bridgman	3-1	3-1	160	89
New Buffalo	3-1	3-1	174	66
Martin	2-1	3-1	163	50
Marcellus	2-1	2-2	164	126
Lawrence	1-1	2-1	68	48
Wyoming Tri-unity	2-2	2-2	181	102
Michigan Lutheran	1-2	1-3	52	234
Eau Claire	1-3	1-3	56	189
Bangor	0-4	0-4	33	88

INDEPENDENT

	Overall	PF	PA
Benton Harbor	1-3	60	127

SOUTHWESTERN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

Lakeshore Division

	Div	Overall	PF	PA
Kal. United	3-0	4-0	164	45
Constantine	3-0	3-1	97	76
Coloma	2-1	3-1	134	116
Watervliet	1-2	2-2	126	129
Fennville	0-3	0-4	54	156
Parchment	0-3	0-4	58	123

Valley Division

	Div	Overall	PF	PA
Lawton	2-0	4-0	170	39
Schoolcraft	1-0	3-1	172	64
Delton Kellogg	2-1	2-2	87	73
Saugatuck	0-2	2-2	61	53
Galesburg-Augusta	0-2	0-3	12	142

SOUTHWEST 10 CONFERENCE

	Conf	Overall	PF	PA
Centreville	4-0	4-0	138	15
Mendon	3-1	3-1	106	88
Cassopolis	2-2	2-2	75	70
White Pigeon	2-2	2-2	96	46
Decatur	1-3	1-3	47	132
Hartford	0-4	0-4	40	151

SPARTANS

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only 24 pass attempts last season. Tucker said early this month that the team was still in "competition mode" at quarterback.

Defensive outlook

Michigan State's best stretch under Dantonio came on the strength of an aggressive defense that was tough to run on.

Last year, the Spartans ranked in the middle of the pack in the Big Ten in total defense, and although defensive lineman Jacub Panasiuk's return should help, the defensive group coming back is an inexperienced one.

Running game

Michigan State went through significant injury problems on the offensive line last season, but Elijah Collins still managed to rush for nearly 1,000 yards. He could take some of the pressure off whoever is at quarterback.

Virus update

The team went into quarantine in July after positive tests, and in early August, Panasiuk announced he was redshirting the season because of COVID-19 concerns.

But Panasiuk eventually decided to come back, and he should be a key player after producing five sacks a season ago.

"It made us better coaches when he came back," defensive coordinator Scottie Hazelton said. "I mean, that's what you want, a guy who can rush the passer and do some things, and provide a little leadership."

Offensive lineman Jordan Reid announced in August that he was opting out, and Tucker said recently that had not changed.

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Zach Charbonnet and Hassan Haskins, return after combining to run for 1,348 yards and 15 touchdowns. Chris Evans, who has 1,722 yards rushing in his career, was reinstated after being away from the program for all of last season because of academic issues.

Ronnie Bell, who had a team-high 48 receptions last season, leads an inexperienced receiving corps.

"Expectations are really high for Ronnie Bell," Harbaugh said. "He's a real gamer."

Offensive tackle Jalen Mayfield decided to come back to school after announcing he was leaving in August when the Big Ten postponed its fall football season because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Paye leads a defense, with five starters back, along with fellow defensive linemen Aidan Hutchinson.

Defensive back Daxton Hill, one of the nation's top recruits two years ago, has impressed Harbaugh in recent practices.

"Dax might be our most talented player on the team, arguably," he said.

Joe's show

Joe Milton did enough to win the job at quarterback that Dylan McCaffrey, brother Carolina Panthers running back Christian McCaffrey, chose not to come back to the program for a fourth year.

The 6-foot-5, 243-pound Milton played sparingly as a backup the previous two seasons.

He has always had a strong arm and has developed throwing with touch.

"Sometimes the issue has been in the past of whether or not those receivers could catch it that fast," offensive coordinator Josh Gattis said, entering his second season calling plays for Harbaugh.

Who's gone

Michigan missed out on having potentially the best group of receivers in the country because Nico Collins left the program to prepare for the 2021 NFL draft, Donovan Peoples-Jones skipped his senior season to go pro and Tarik Black transferred to Texas. The offensive line is missing four starters, all of whom were drafted.

On defense, standout linebackers Josh Uche and Khaleke Hudson will be difficult to replace.

BEARS

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the top of the net from well outside the penalty area.

"We've got guys that can hit that (long shot)," Brown said. "That's where a lot of the real estate was, 30 yards from goal because they sat 10 guys 20 yards in to the goal. There was going to be that real estate and opportunities to take those."

Pender added an assist late in the game, playing a long ball for Andrew Loikits, who ran down the ball on the right side and tucked it neatly into the far corner to complete the scoring.

Thomas Ashmead made two saves in goal for the Bears to earn the shutout. Renato Arias was much busier at the other end, making 11 stops for Sturgis (3-8-2).

"I thought our defense did a good job limiting their mistakes," Brown said. "I thought Jacob Scouler's work rate was very helpful for us. He didn't get on the score sheet, but his work rate getting in and out, we needed more of that from a lot of players."

ST. JOSEPH 3, STURGIS 0

Goals — Jack Pender, Seth Walters, Andrew Loikits.
Assists – Lars Razor, Cameron Dirlam, Pender.
Shots on goal – St. Joseph 14, Sturgis 2.
Saves – Thomas Ashmead (SJ) 2, Renato Arias (Stu) 11.
Halftime – St. Joseph 1-0.
Records – St. Joseph 11-3-1, Sturgis 3-8-2.

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FOOTBALL

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expects a challenge, mentioning Panthers quarterback Tyson Williams, running backs Don Smith and Brandon Petty, and receiver Jordan Abney among their dangerous offensive players.

"They're healthier, they're improved a ton, they're more physical than they've been in a long time," Stephens said. "They're going to present some challenges. They've got guys you need to keep the ball out of their hands. They have the potential to have a lot of balance on offense."

SMAC

Lakeshore (3-1 SMAC, 3-1) will look to knock off an unbeaten opponent for the second straight week, hosting Battle Creek Lakeview (4-0, 4-0). The Lancers forced eight turnovers in a 26-0 victory over St. Joseph (2-1, 3-1) last week.

The Bears will try to bounce back against winless Gull Lake (0-3, 0-4).

Independent

Benton Harbor (1-3) lost 41-0 to defending Division 3 state champion River Rouge last week, but should have an easier time against Kalamazoo Loy Norrix (0-4). The two have one common opponent, Niles. Benton Harbor defeated the Vikings 42-6, and Norrix lost to Niles 14-7.

BCS

Berrien Springs (1-3 BCS Red, 1-3) has lost three straight games, including a 28-18 loss to South Haven on Saturday. The Shamrocks will try to bounce back against Brandywine (1-0, 3-1), which beat South Haven 28-22 in its only league game so far.

South Haven (2-2, 2-2) is at former Wolverine Conference rival Comstock (1-1, 2-2). The Rams lead the series 26-19 dating back to 1950.

Buchanan (3-0, 4-0) will look to stay unbeaten at Niles (0-2, 1-3).

Eight-man

Bridgman (3-1, 3-1) will look to keep rolling at Eau Claire (1-3, 1-3). Reid Haskins had a big night in the Bees' 34-20 win at New Buffalo, throwing for 272 yards and rushing for 140.

Michigan Lutheran (1-2, 1-3) is hosting Lawrence (2-1, 3-1).

The Tigers picked up a forfeit victory over previously unbeaten Martin last week. Lutheran lost a non-conference game to Vandercook Lake, 70-7.

Southwest 10

Hartford (0-4, 0-4) has its toughest test yet against Centreville (4-0, 4-0). The two have played the same four opponents so far this season in conference play.

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Lakeshore 17, B.C. Lakeview 14

The Lancers knock off another undefeated team in their quest for at least a share of the Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference championship, which has all nine schools in the same division this fall.

Top college game

Georgia 35, Alabama 31

Yes I know the No. 2-rated Crimson Tide was an early 6-point favorite, but I have a (big) gut feeling that the No. 3 Bulldogs will pull off the upset. Alabama is expected to win the SEC West, and Georgia the East, so they'll probably meet again in the SEC title tilt.

On with the forecast:

HIGH SCHOOL
Last week: 6-2, .750
Season: 30-9, .769
Friday
St. Joseph 35, Gull Lake 0
Lakeshore 17, BC Lakeview 14
Benton Harbor 37, Loy Norrix 8
Coloma 31, Watervliet 27
South Haven 33, Comstock 28
Centreville 40, Hartford 7
Bridgman 45, Eau Claire 13
Buchanan 35, Niles 12
Lawrence 42, M. Lutheran 14
COLLEGE
Last week: 19-8, .704
Season: 69-26, .726
Tonight
Arkansas St. 27, Georgia St. 24
Friday
SMU 24, Tulane 20
BYU 33, Houston 28
Saturday
Notre Dame 42, Louisville 21
Army 31, UTSA 21
Auburn 27, S. Carolina 24
Charlotte 35, Fla. Inter. 27
Clemson 42, Geo. Tech 17
Cincinnati 34, Tulsa 31
E. Carolina 28, Navy 27
Florida 34, LSU 23
Georgia 35, Alabama 31
Geo. Southern 45, UMass 14
Liberty 24, SMU 21
Marshall 28, La. Tech 13
Miami 28, Pittsburgh 20
Mid-Tenn. 34, N. Texas 24
Mississippi 35, Arkansas 31
Missouri 35, Vanderbilt 14
N. Carolina 33, Florida St. 23
N.C. State 38, Duke 34
Southern Miss 31, UTEP 28
Texas A&M 27, Miss. St. 21
Temple 35, USF 24
Tennessee 27, Kentucky 23
Troy 44, E. Kentucky 18
UAB 31, W. Kentucky 21
UCF 24, Memphis 21
Va. Tech 27, Boston College 20
W. Virginia 42, Kansas 21
Wake Forest 24, Virginia 21

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING OCT. 15

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Family Feud CC (DVS)		The Second Presidential Debate -- Your Voice Your Vote 2020-ABC News			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A houseguest is evicted. (N)		CBS News: The Second Presidential Debate Donald Trump and Joe Biden debate.			
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	CONNECT	Debate Preview	2020 Presidential Debate 2: NBC News Special (N) (L) CC			
FOX 17 222 28 32	NFL Pregame	NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills. (N) (L)					
PBS 34	Radar-Michigan	Frankie Drake Mysteries CC (DVS)		PBS NewsHour Debates 2020 "Presidential Debate" The 2020 presidential debate. (N)			
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Supernatural "Gimme Shelter" (N)		The Outpost (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Dateline "The figure in the garage" (N)		Dateline Two young girls are snatched.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Supernatural "Gimme Shelter" (N)		The Outpost (N) CC		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Lost and Gone Forever"		Highway to Heaven "Man's Best Friend"		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	WGN News: Second Presidential Debate (N) (L) CC			News at Nine
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Bad Love" CC		The First 48 "Deadly Secrets & True Lies"		:01 The First 48 CC	
AMC	The Conjuring	★ Thirteen Ghosts ('01, Horror) Tony Shalhoub, Embeth Davidtz. CC				★★ Evil Dead ('13) Jane Levy. CC	
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	6:00 Get Rich or Die Tryin'			★★★ Hustle & Flow ('05) CC			
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Soccer			Women's College Soccer CC			
Bravo	Southern Charm	Southern Charm CC		Southern Charm (N) CC		Watch What	Chrisley Knows
Cartoon	Victor	Gumball	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American
Cinemax	★ The Watch	★ Disaster Movie ('08, Comedy) Matt Lanter. CC			★★ My Super Ex-Girlfriend ('06) Uma Thurman.		
CMT	Last Man	To Be Announced					
CNBC	S. Smith	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	:00 Debate Night in America (N)			Second Presidential Debate (N)			Debate
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Afraid	Naked and Afraid "Battling for Life" (N) CC					
Disney	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Tree	Flea	Flea	Flea	Flea	Bargain	Bargain
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Bradshaw	The Kardashians		Bradshaw
ESPN	College Football Georgia State at Arkansas State. (N) (L)						SportCtr
ESPN2	SportCtr	Top Rank	Boxing	High School Football			
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Hallow	Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars		Halloween Wars	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Fox News Democracy 2020:			Ingraham
Fox Sports	6:00 Tennis Classics		Review	Shogun Fights (N)		Shogun Fights (N)	
Freefrm	6:00 ★★★ Scream 2 ('97) CC		★★ The Craft ('96) Robin Tunney, Fairuza Balk. Teenage witches wreak havoc at their high school. CC				
FX	The First Purge	★★★ Get Out ('17) Daniel Kaluuya. A man uncovers a dark secret about his girlfriend's parents. CC					Get Out ('17)
Golf	PGA Golf	Central	Central	PGA Golf			
Hallmark	Love and Sunshine	Autumn in the Vineyard ('16) Rachael Leigh Cook, Brendan Penny. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 The Vow	★★ The Chronicles of Riddick ('04) Vin Diesel, Colm Feore. CC				The Third Day CC	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Flip	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pim	My Feet
Lifetime	Pretty Woman	★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02) Reese Witherspoon, Josh Lucas. CC				:03 ★★ Where the Heart Is ('00)	
MSNBC	ReidOut	Debate Pre-Show		Presidential Debate on MSNBC (N) CC			
MTV	6:30 ★ Grown Ups 2 ('13)			Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Life-	Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				World Poker Tour	
NFL	NFL Pregame		:20 NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Buffalo Bills. (N)				
Nick	Loud	Are You Afraid		★★★ Rio		★★★ Rio	
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Life Below Zero		:15 Life Below Zero	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Backyard (N) CC		Injustice With Nancy Grace (N)		Trick-or-Treat Terror	
Parmt	:00 ★★ Man on Fire ('04) CC				:45 ★★ Man on Fire ('04)		
Showtime	Boiler Room	Shameless "The American Dream"		★★★ Do the Right Thing ('89, Drama) Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis. CC			
Starz	:32 ★ Blumhouse's Fantasy Island ('20, Horror) Michael Peña, Maggie Q. CC				:25 Empire State ('13, Action) Dwayne Johnson. CC		
STZENC	:00 ★★★ Spy Kids ('01) (P).		:31 ★★★ Spy Kids 2: The Island of Lost Dreams ('02)			:15 ★★ Spy Kids 3: Game Over	
SyFy	6:00 Shrek	★★★ Shrek ('01, Children's) Voices of Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy. CC				★★★ Monster House ('06) CC	
TBS	Postseason	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
TCM	Random Harvest	★★★ Tunes of Glory ('60, Drama) Alec Guinness, John Mills. CC				The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp	
TMC	6:20 50/50	★★ Tyler Perry's Daddy's Little Girls ('07) CC			:45 ★ Big Daddy ('99, Comedy) Adam Sandler. CC		
TNT	:00 Bones	★ Grown Ups ('10) Adam Sandler.				Wedding Crashers	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
VH1	6:30 Romeo Must Die ('00)			★★★ Dope ('15) Shameik Moore.			
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation: Second Presidential Debate (N) (L) CC			NewsNation (N)

Cross-dressing causes fracture in a solid longtime marriage

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been together for 11 years, married for eight. We have been through a lot together, which has served to strengthen our marriage. My husband is my Prince Charming and my happily forever after.

Recently, he has discovered that he likes wearing women's clothes. It started with him wearing women's underwear under his clothes, which didn't bother me. I even bought him a few pair I liked. It has progressed quickly.

He assures me that he isn't gay, he does not want to become a woman or want to dress in women's clothes full time. However, some of his behaviors have changed, and his wearing women's clothing has increased. When I tried discussing my concerns with him, he said I was being irrational. We fought, and I thought we had worked some things out, but he still has an attitude.

I'm terrified that this is the beginning of the end of my marriage, and I don't want to lose him. But I also don't know just how much of this I can accept or how far he wants to go. He says if I can't accept it, he will stop doing it. But we will both know that he has that desire, and I don't want to stifle something that seems to mean so much to him. I have no one I can talk to about this, Abby. Please help. – Struggling In Florida

DEAR STRUGGLING: Take the opportunity to learn all you can about cross-dressing. More men than you may think engage in it, and the majority are heterosexual. An excellent support group for cross-dressers and wives of men who need (not "LIKE") to cross-dress is The Society for the Second Self (Tri Ess). Its website is tri-ess.org. Go there and you will find the support and answers you're looking for.

Keep the lines of communication with your husband open and honest. Only the two of you can determine how to navigate through this. For many couples, it's not necessarily a deal-breaker.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 21, I got pregnant with "Earl," a guy who had nothing to his name but a bicycle. It was three weeks after we met. Earl was 24. Two years later we split. I was working and he was a stay-at-home dad, and I couldn't stand it.

Five years later, I married a very wealthy man, moved to another country and lived a life of luxury. Thirteen years later we split. I left our small island and moved back, still well off on my own.

Earl was my rock and is a totally different man now. Sixteen years later, I have fallen head over heels for him. He has become everything I've always wanted. Our son wasn't crazy about it at first (he's 18), but now loves it. Earl's mother said she knew it would end up this way. My parents have reservations. Do you think we have a fighting chance? – New Expat In Nevada

DEAR NEW EXPAT: Earl is not the person he was and, frankly, neither are you. Do the two of you have a fighting chance? Absolutely. However, before marrying anyone again, it is important that you discuss this with an attorney and have in place a signed prenuptial agreement. While it may not seem romantic, it's the intelligent thing to do.

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Husband has a double-standard for socializing

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I am beginning to realize my husband loves me to pieces as long as I stay "in my place," which in our marriage means I am a supportive help to him in all the things *he* wants to do.

I have been with him to countless weddings, work gatherings and family functions, and he always comments on how nice it is to have someone to bring along. I mingle and talk to (mostly his) people or else have a drink and entertain myself.

And then last weekend, we attended the wedding of my college roommate. He complained bitterly about every part of this venture. The 45-minute drive. That he would not know anyone there. The "showy" venue and wedding style. That it cut into a football game he wanted to see. We left early.

I see now that he's behaved this way *every* time I invite him along to anything. I never drag him to my work parties and socialize with my friends mostly on my own. Other areas in our relationship feel uneven in this way.

If it's been this way for our whole eight-year marriage, would it be bait-and-switch to insist that it change now? – Double Standard

DEAR DOUBLE STANDARD: OMG no. A bait-and-switch means you represented yourself as X to achieve some goal and then reverted to Y the moment you reached that goal. A bait-and-switch is tricking someone.

You're talking about an epiphany, a 2 + 2, a cosmic "aha." That's an honest process, even if its result is to make you Y when your husband married you for being X.

It is completely appropriate for you to say to your husband now that you replayed last weekend over and over in your mind, and realized the social good sportsmanship in your marriage goes only one way.

Have specific examples from other events/weekends ready.

And, too, be ready to see the whole picture of your marriage in weighing whether it's fair and meeting your needs. For example, he may be a terrible wingman, but the absolute champ at _____. In a way few people ever are. And going solo to your stuff is a minor emotional trade-off to make for it.

I am not not *not* inviting you to rationalize away your second-class citizenship. Just to think broadly before objecting specifically.

REGARDING DOUBLE STANDARD: I dated someone very loving and validating who loved having me by his side. Until I realized every time we went out with my friends, he didn't feel well.

I still remember telling my friend we had to go home, as he didn't feel great, and the look on her face as we both had the same lightbulb go on. Now it makes us laugh, but man, people are sneaky. – Lightbulb

DEAR LIGHTBULB: Or oblivious, since he might not have been aware of it himself. But, yeah.

Sometimes, too, it's a sign of depression. I spent years hanging out with a friend who eventually showed up only when it was her idea. If I made the plans, then she'd cancel at the last minute. Every time. The eventual diagnosis did not come as a shock, though I didn't put it together in the moment.

Anyway. Garden-variety self-centeredness works, too. We contain multitudes.

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11 Tuneful Paul —
13 Diva's tune
14 Envir. monitor
15 Pompous walkers
17 Butterfly catcher
18 Hero sandwich
19 Hunt illegally
21 German conjunction
22 Fasten securely
23 Extinguish
26 Medals
29 Dr.'s visit
30 Rust component
31 Military addr.
33 Vexed
34 Has a turn
35 Unknown auth.
36 Golfer — Ochoa
38 Keep yakking
39 Capp and Hirt
40 Cauldron
41 Where Tripoli is
44 Speechless
48 Kimono accessory
49 In a weak manner
52 Dogpatch's — Abner
53 Part of the eye
54 Cut grain
55 Query
56 Back of the neck
57 Had fries

DOWN
1 Carelessly hasty
2 Gung-ho
3 Slimy vegetable
4 Sorted socks
5 Wrath
6 Hitchcock's title
7 Volga outlet
8 "Stormy Weather" singer
9 Fuel cartel
10 Cleansing soak
12 Leo's month
16 Pitchfork part
20 Not 'neath
22 Double dates
23 Stop up
24 Silica mineral
25 Salon creation
26 Length x width
27 Mr. Carvey
28 Notice
30 Physics topic
32 Single
34 Quivering dessert
35 — C. Clarke of sci-fi
37 Bolger or Conniff
38 Kind of stick
40 Remote button
41 Ms. Falana
42 Nile wader
43 Cheat
45 Aboard ship
46 Thin board
47 Variety
50 Time period
51 Puppy bite

Answer to Previous Puzzle

	V	A	N	N	A			P	A	N	D	A
G	A	W	A	I	N		M	A	D	R	I	D
A	L	A	S	K	A		E	T	H	A	N	E
P	O	I	S	E		B	A	S	E			
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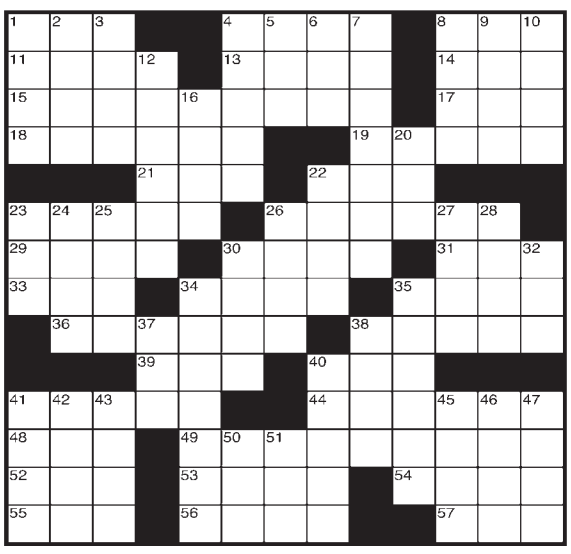

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LIYMK

OCNUE

BPRAUT

SYRAGS

First off, tell me how you got in this condition.
How much time do you have?
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HE WAS HAVING PAIN IN HIS LUMBAR REGION, AND THE CHIROPRACTOR WANTED THE ---

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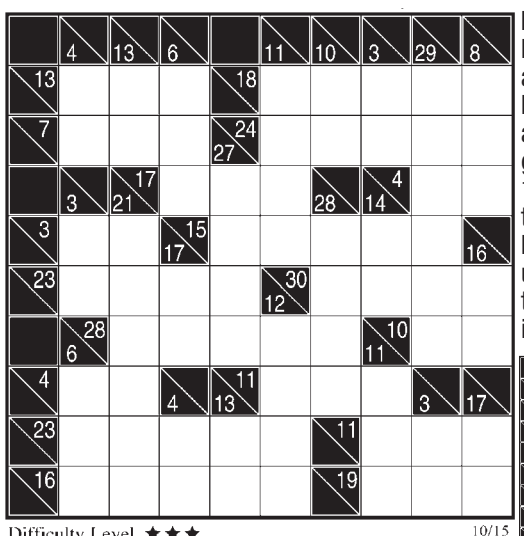
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

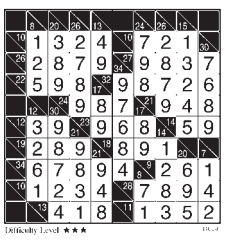
Yesterday's Jumbles: GLADE PRONG CASHEW EYEFUL
Answer: The beachgoers didn't appreciate the seagulls' obnoxiously loud and — "FOWL" LANGUAGE

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 10/15

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Mark Twain wrote, "Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn't."

In truth, today's deal contained several possibilities. South was in three no-trump. West led the heart four: six, queen, eight. East returned the heart two: jack, king, seven. West played a third heart. Declarer led a diamond to her queen, then played a diamond to the king. East won with the ace and led her last heart, after which South claimed the balance for plus 600.

What do you think of the bidding, declarer play and defense?

North should have raised straight to three no-trump. Don't use Stayman with 4-3-3-3 distribution.

West guessed well to lead a heart. I would have chosen the ineffective spade 10.

East knew that her partner had only four hearts. (South wouldn't have opened one no-trump with a singleton.) So, there was a strong case for East's shifting to the club 10 at trick two, which would have worked beautifully here. Also, West knew that the hearts were 4-4. So, after winning the second trick, she should have switched to the club king. This defense would have defeated the contract also.

Declarer knew that to get home she had to drive out the diamond ace. But she was worried that she might lose one diamond and four hearts. So, declarer held up the heart ace until the third round.

North 10-15-20
♠ Q J 4 2
♥ A 7 6
♦ K 9 8
♣ 7 4 2

West
♠ 10 9 8 7
♥ K 10 5 4
♦ 5 2
♣ K Q 6

East
♠ 5 3
♥ Q 9 3 2
♦ A 10 4
♣ 10 9 8 5

South
♠ A K 6
♥ J 8
♦ Q J 7 6 3
♣ A J 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
1NT	Pass	2♣	Pass
2♦	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♥ 4

But when East returned the heart two at trick two, it announced that she had started with four hearts. If hearts were 4-4, holding up couldn't help. Declarer should have taken the second trick and played on diamonds.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

6				3	7	2		
5		8	2					
	2			8		1		
					4		5	
	4	9		5		7	1	
	3		7					
		2		7			6	
					6	5		2
		7	1	2				8

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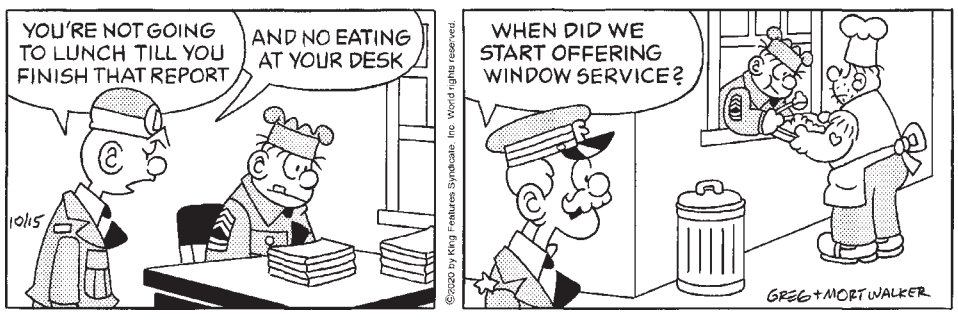
How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

7	9	4	5	8	1	2	6	3
5	1	2	6	4	3	8	7	9
3	6	8	7	2	9	5	4	1
9	8	6	3	1	7	4	2	5
2	7	3	8	5	4	9	1	6
4	5	1	9	6	2	3	8	7
6	4	7	2	3	5	1	9	8
8	2	5	1	9	6	7	3	4
1	3	9	4	7	8	6	5	2

BEETLE BAILEY


YOU'RE NOT GOING TO LUNCH TILL YOU FINISH THAT REPORT
AND NO EATING AT YOUR DESK
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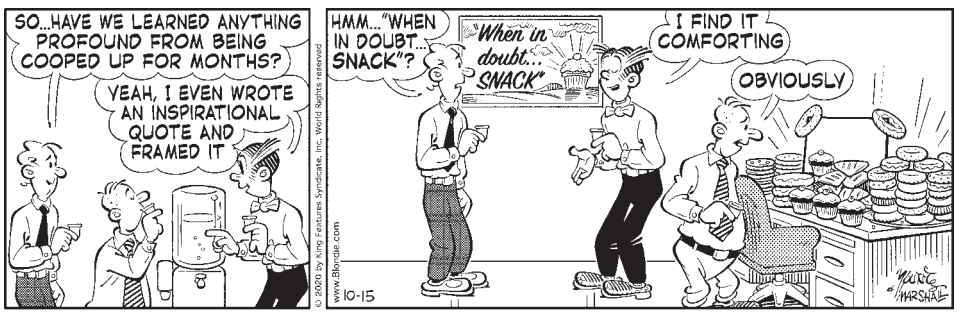
WHEN DID WE START OFFERING WINDOW SERVICE?
GREG + MORT WALKER

BLONDIE


SO...HAVE WE LEARNED ANYTHING PROFOUND FROM BEING COOPED UP FOR MONTHS?
YEAH, I EVEN WROTE AN INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE AND FRAMED IT
HMM..."WHEN IN DOUBT...SNACK"?
"When in doubt... SNACK"
I FIND IT COMFORTING
OBVIOUSLY
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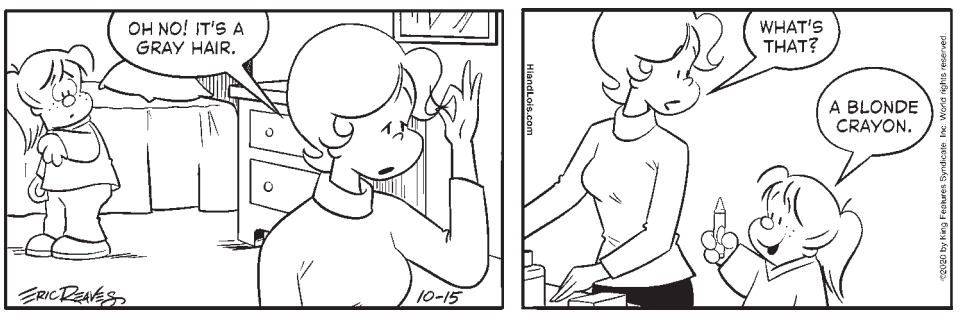
HI & LOIS



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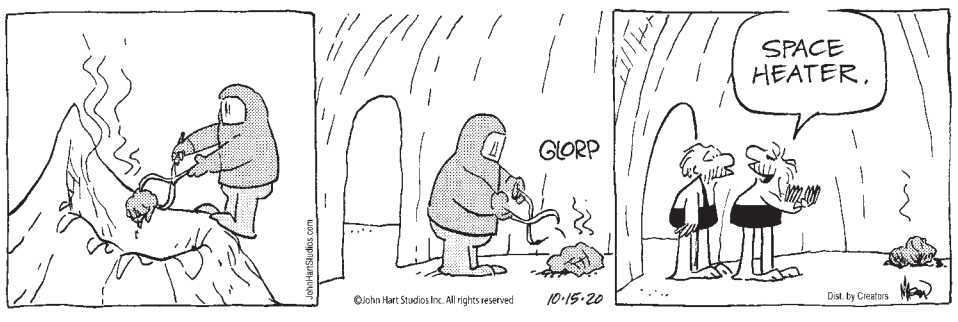

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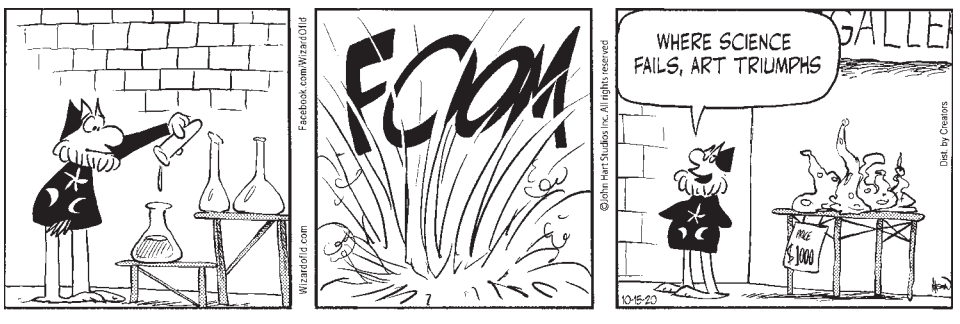

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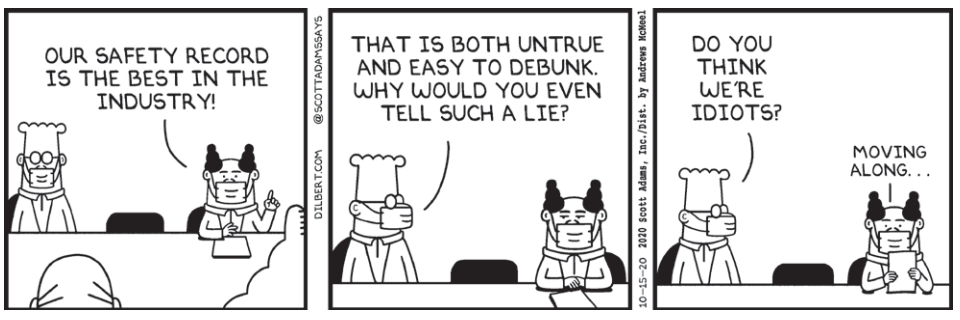
OUR SAFETY RECORD IS THE BEST IN THE INDUSTRY!
THAT IS BOTH UNTRUE AND EASY TO DEBUNK. WHY WOULD YOU EVEN TELL SUCH A LIE?
DO YOU THINK WE'RE IDIOTS?
MOVING ALONG. . .
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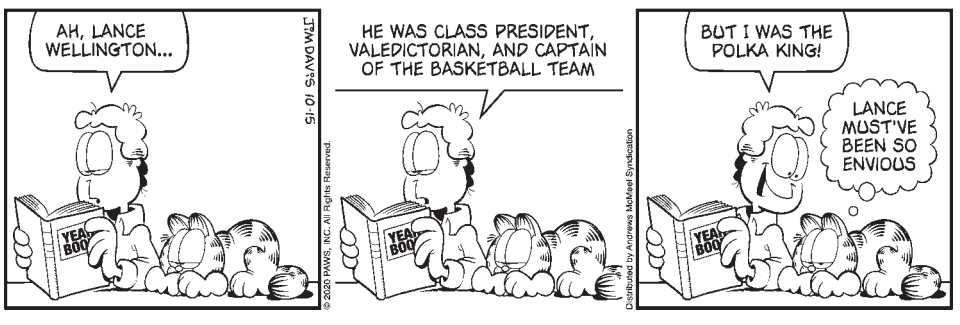
AH, LANCE WELLINGTON...
HE WAS CLASS PRESIDENT, VALEDICTORIAN, AND CAPTAIN OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM
BUT I WAS THE POLKA KING!
LANCE MUST'VE BEEN SO ENVIOUS
I'M OVER 'S 10-15
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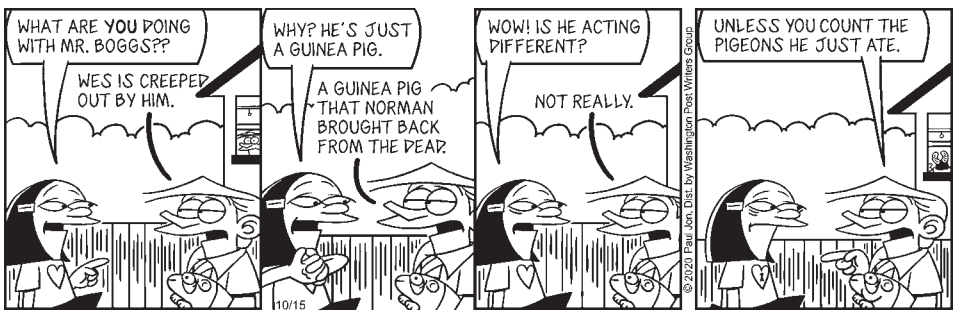
FORT KNOX


WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH MR. BOGGS??
WES IS CREEPED OUT BY HIM.
WHY? HE'S JUST A GUINEA PIG.
A GUINEA PIG THAT NORMAN BROUGHT BACK FROM THE DEAD.
WOW! IS HE ACTING DIFFERENT?
NOT REALLY.
UNLESS YOU COUNT THE PIGEONS HE JUST ATE.
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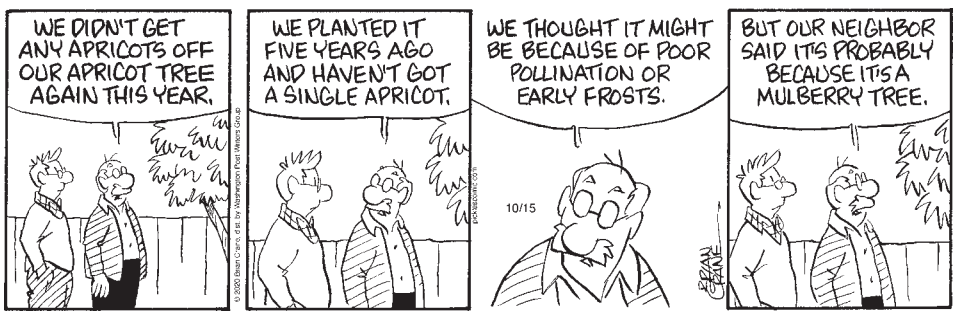
PICKLES


WE DIDN'T GET ANY APRICOTS OFF OUR APRICOT TREE AGAIN THIS YEAR.
WE PLANTED IT FIVE YEARS AGO AND HAVEN'T GOT A SINGLE APRICOT.
WE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE BECAUSE OF POOR POLLINATION OR EARLY FROSTS.
BUT OUR NEIGHBOR SAID IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE IT'S A MULBERRY TREE.
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BRIAN CRANE
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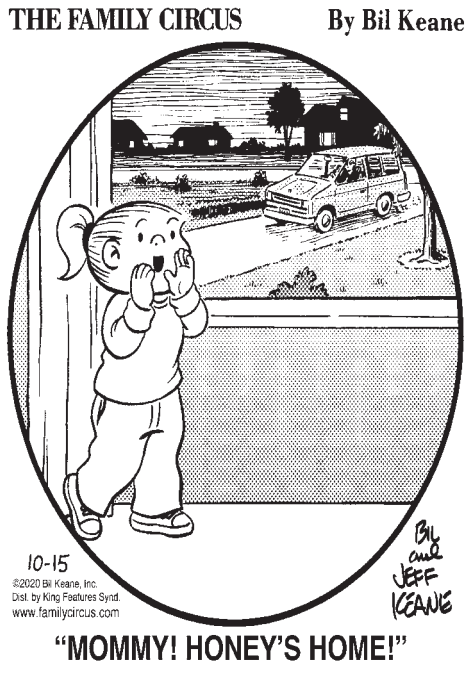
FAMILY CIRCUS

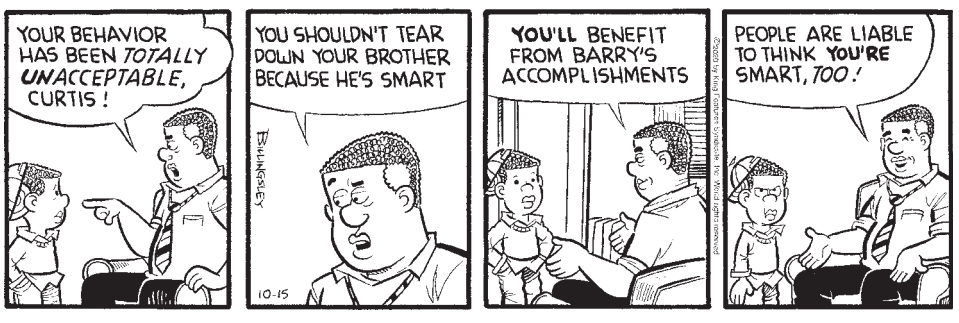


DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

PANDEMIC! POLITICS! STOCK MARKET! THAT'S ALL THEY TALK ABOUT!
WHEN ARE THEY GOING TO SHOW SOMETHING THAT REALLY MATTERS?
LIKE...?
LIKE, COULD TRICK-OR-TREATING BE CANCELED THIS YEAR??
CHOCOLATE IS A HUMAN RIGHT!
babyblues.com

CURTIS


YOUR BEHAVIOR HAS BEEN TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE, CURTIS!
YOU SHOULDN'T TEAR DOWN YOUR BROTHER BECAUSE HE'S SMART
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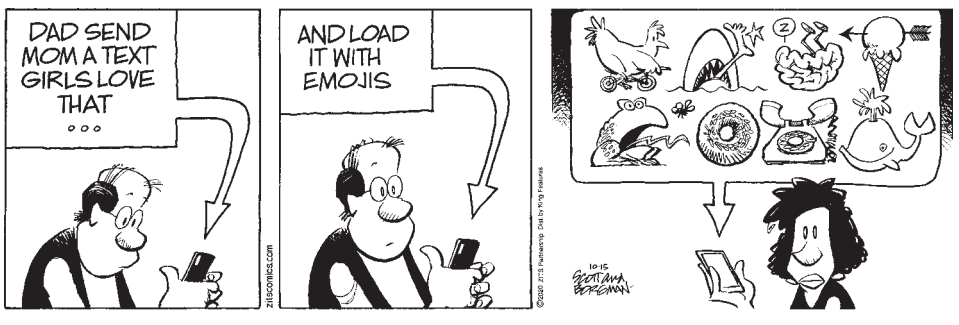
YOU'LL BENEFIT FROM BARRY'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS
PEOPLE ARE LIABLE TO THINK YOU'RE SMART, TOO!

ZITS



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

IT'S BEEN TWO YEARS SINCE I RAIDED YOUR CASTLE! HAVE YOU MISSED ME?
NO!
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YOUR DOG MISSED ME!
BROWNE
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

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RALPH AND I ARE BECOMING REALLY GOOD FRIENDS
WE FINISH EACH OTHER'S...
... MEOW
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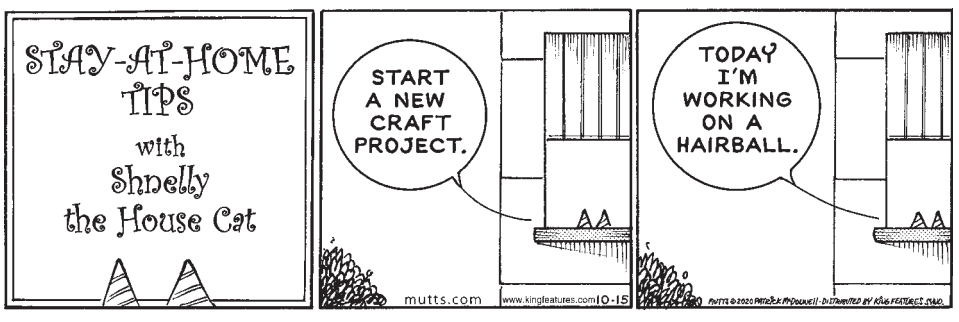
MAIRE PETERS

MUTTS


STAY-AT-HOME TIPS with Shnelly the House Cat
START A NEW CRAFT PROJECT.
TODAY I'M WORKING ON A HAIRBALL.
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SALLY FORTH

SAL, WE'VE TRIED MAKING FRIENDS HERE. BUT OUR NEIGHBORS DON'T SEEM TO LIKE US...
KEEFFE
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HECK, THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD DOESN'T LIKE US. AND MY BEST FRIEND AT WORK IS, AT MOST, MY FRENEMY.
SO MAYBE WE CAN HANG OUT WITH YOUR NEW COWORKERS, MIKE AND KARL.
10-15
OH, NO NO NO. I LET THEM INTO OUR LIVES AND I'LL HAVE TO GET A DNA TEST TO PROVE TO THEM I'M NOT THEIR MOMMY.
EVERYTHING YOU SAY ABOUT YOUR JOB MAKES ME THINK UNEMPLOYMENT WOULD BE THE BETTER OPTION.

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DON'T MISS

THIS WEEKEND'S

ISSUE

Included in this Saturday's Edition

Parade
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020 | PARADE.COM
"Everybody would take a gardening or farming class."
—Actress Tiffany Haddish
If I Were President...
We asked 100 people: What would you do? p. 8
"I would dance. I would dance 14 times a day. Everybody else would too. We'd all be happy and strong."
—Kindergartner Parker Curry
"I would impress upon people that you don't need to despise somebody just because you disagree with them."
—Actor Ben Affleck
"Teachers would not have to make an Amazon wish list for their classroom because all materials for high-quality instruction would be supplied."
—Pre-K teacher Caroline Olson

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Skills needed:
MS Office

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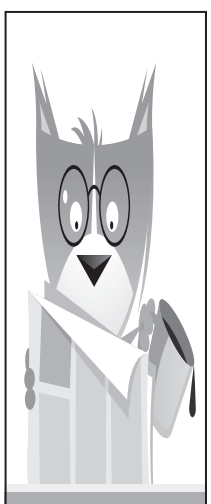

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Job Type: Part-time

To apply: Email Bruce btheisen@heraldpalladium.com

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HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15
Stand your ground and make a statement. Remain calm, and use intelligence to make your point. Don't dwell on what you cannot change. What you want will be granted if you focus on what's important to you and strive to achieve peace and tranquility.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Listen to your heart and take a passionate approach to achieve your goal. Refuse to let anyone stand between you and what you want. Look for innovative ways to deal with negativity.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Remembering what has made you happy in the past will encourage you to backtrack where you left off. Personal and spiritual growth are favored.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You can help others without jeopardizing your health, finances or reputation. Make clear what you are willing to do and refuse to let anyone talk you into overcommitting.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Let go of situations that consume you. Anger isn't going to help you accomplish what you set out to do. Work alongside people willing to help make your dreams come true.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Look over contracts and agreements. Update documents and be sure to handle your finances with care. Refuse to let someone interfere with or control you. Be sure to verify any information you receive.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) How you help others will lead to unexpected rewards. A change to how you handle a legal, financial or health issue will have positive results.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Pick up the pace. Don't let anyone mess with you. Remain focused on your objective. You will overcome any obstacle that stands in your way. The best is yet to come.

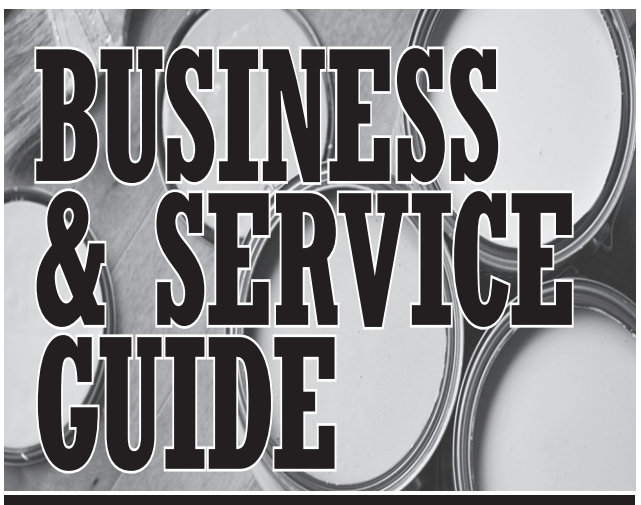
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You'll face a challenge if you can't come to terms with what's happening around you. Take a step back and look at every angle. Be smart and set strategic plans in motion.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You've got what it takes to make a difference. Don't waste time on the impossible. Walk away from risky situations and people who try to lead you astray.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Buck up and refuse to let trivial matters get to you. Distance yourself if someone doesn't see things your way. Getting into a dispute will not be worth your time.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Do something energetic. Self-improvement projects will bring the best results. Do your own thing and let others do as they please. Anger will lead to setbacks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Say what's on your mind, but don't force your will on others. Kind gestures, truth and understanding will win you support. Romance is favored.



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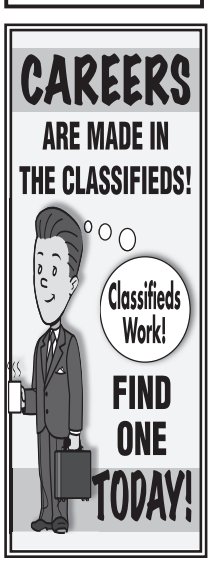

hp OUR TOWN

Writers' Conference returns – virtually

The Southwest Michigan Writers' Conference is returning for its third year from 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Oct. 24.

The conference was previously held at Niles District Library, but this year it will be virtual via Zoom.

The conference aims to provide instruction and information to aspiring authors in the areas of writing skills, publishing and marketing.

It's a collaborative effort by Lincoln Township Public Library, Niles District Library, Van Buren District Library, Berrien Springs Community Library, Benton Harbor Public Library, Sturgis District Library and Buchanan District Library. It's made possible in part by a grant from the Michigan Center for the Book.

"I know how hard it is to break in as a writer, and this conference seeks to bridge the gap to help aspiring writers achieve success," says Brian Johnston, adult services librarian at Lincoln Township Public Library in Stevensville and a conference committee member. "We also feel that, with the conference going virtual this year, it's an opportunity to reach other writers we otherwise would not have."

There will be a special preview session from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday on "Writing Your Family History."

Sessions on Oct. 24 will be: "You Are Incredible – So Write Like It," "Character Development," "Encouraging Youth to Write," "Overcoming Stress as a Writer" and "Memoir Workshop: The How and Why of Writing a Memoir."

The conference is free.

To register, visit the Event Registration link at the bottom of Lincoln Township Public Library's website, lincolnlib.org.

For questions, or more information, email Johnston at bjohnston@lincolnlib.org.

Photos provided

From left, Sherry Manison, Sylvia Fagal and Debi Robertson of Berrien Springs, and Jane Cunningham and Raylene Izak of Stevensville take a break from cleaning monuments at Rose Hill Cemetery.

DAR members clean grave markers

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Members of the Algonquin Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution participated in a National Day of Service on Oct. 11 to mark the 130th anniversary of the DAR, which was founded Oct. 11, 1890.

They chose to clean grave markers. Randy Mottl, sexton of Rose Hill Cemetery in Berrien Springs, gave the group permission and provided them with monument-cleaning solution.

The Daughters applied the cleaning solution and came back after 15 minutes to work carefully with approved bristle brushes and small wooden sticks, and to rinse the monuments.

Jane Cunningham and Raylene Izak said in a news release that it was a thrill to see names appear from under the lichens that had obscured the inscriptions.

Jane Cunningham and Raylene Izak of Stevensville clean a monument at Rose Hill Cemetery.

IN BRIEF

SJ Lions conducting White Cane Campaign

ST. JOSEPH — The Lions Club of St. Joseph is holding its annual White Cane Campaign this month.

The club has created a Go Fund Me page to offset anticipated income losses from traditional fundraising activities, like the annual Holiday Arts and Craft Show.

Contributions also can be mailed to St. Joseph Lions Club, P.O. Box 352, St. Joseph, MI 49085.

The traditional sale at the corner of State and Broad streets in downtown St. Joseph is scheduled for Friday. Lions will be accepting contributions to support club activities.

The St. Joseph Lions Club, established in 1928, provides glasses and vision exams to those in need, places flags on veterans' graves at Riverview Cemetery, sponsors Lions Beach, paints swing supports along Lake Bluff Park and picnic benches at city parks, and has helped the city purchase playground equipment and recycling containers.

It also provides college scholarship to local students, helps sponsor the St. Joseph High School Average Joes robotics team, and contributed to the construction of the SJHS Edward Todd Innovation Center and athletic scoreboards.

The club's signature activity is Camp Leo, a weeklong camping experience for cognitively, physically, visually and hearing challenged youth.

VBDL offers online home-school Q&A

Van Buren District Library invites anyone with questions about home schooling to an online question-and-answer session at 1 p.m. Oct. 22.

Cheryl Bull, veteran home-schooler and VBDL Bloomingdale Branch Library manager, will lead the discussion via Zoom.

The meeting ID is 878 8956 5733, and the passcode is 866435.

For more information, call 521-7601 or email info@vbdl.org.

Inktober contest starts Monday

Starting Monday, 10-18 year olds can channel their inner artist by participating in Van Buren District Library's Inktober Drawing Contest for the chance to turn their doodles into dollars.

Celebrating the 13 days of Halloween, the contest runs through Oct. 31.

A new two-word drawing prompt, such as "cuddly bat" or "grumpy ghost," will be shared on all VBDL Facebook pages each day. Participants will use the prompt as inspiration when creating their drawing. Drawing prompts also will be available on the library's online calendar at vbdl.org.

Completed drawings can be emailed to info@vbdl.org or submitted in person at any VBDL location.

For each completed illustration, participants will earn one entry into a drawing for a $50 Amazon gift card. Participants can enter the contest every day, or just when the daily drawing prompt inspires them. The winner will be announced Nov. 2.

For more information, call 668-2534 or email info@vbdl.org.

Van Buren District Library is headquartered in Decatur with branches in Bangor, Bloomingdale, Covert, Gobles, Lawrence and Mattawan.

Vietnam helicopter pilots meet Oct. 28

ST. JOSEPH — The Michigan Chapter of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association will meet at noon Oct. 28 at The Buck, 412 S. State St.

All Vietnam helicopter pilots and crew members are invited to attend. Face masks and social distancing will be required.

Pat Hall will speak about his two tours in Afghanistan flying UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters. He is a Lakeshore High School and West Point graduate.

Those interested in attending should email Glenn Youngstedt at glenn youngstedt@aol.com with their name, address and number no later than Oct. 26 to make a reservation.

Pumpkin Carving Contest is set

To celebrate National Pumpkin Day, North Berrien Historical Museum will host its inaugural Pumpkin Carving Contest on Oct. 26 in collaboration with Jollay Orchards, Watervliet Fruit Exchange and Silverstone Gardens.

To participate, purchase a pumpkin at one of the collaborating businesses. You will receive an entry form at the time of purchase. Then, carve the pumpkin, take a picture of it and the completed entry form, and send both to info@northberrienhistory.org by Oct. 26.

On Oct. 28, all entries will be added to an album on the North Berrien Historical Museum's Facebook page. Facebook users will be able to cast their vote by giving a "Like" to any pumpkin.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places for Adult and Student categories.

Only one entry per contestant is allowed. The museum has the right to refuse any entry.

For more information, visit northberrienhistory.org/pumpkincontest or call 468-3330.

Museum to host virtual cemetery tour

On Tuesday, North Berrien Historical Museum will share via its Facebook page a prerecorded video shot at cemeteries in Coloma, Watervliet, Bainbridge and Hagar.

Utilizing research and images from its archives, museum Programs Director Peter Cook will discuss several local historical figures and family stories associated with individuals buried at the cemeteries.

The videos will become available on Facebook starting at 7 p.m. with a tour of Coloma Cemetery. The other township videos will be made available every 15 minutes with Watervliet Cemetery at 7:15 p.m., New Hope and St. Paul Cemeteries in Bainbridge at 7:30 p.m., and all three cemeteries in Hagar Township at 7:45 p.m.

Each video is approximately 10 minutes.

For questions, email peter@northberrienhistory.org.

Genealogical Society opens new location

HARTFORD — The Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society has opened its new location in the Arthur and Bonna Vanderlyn Community Center/Hartford Public Library, 12 Church St.

The group welcomes genealogy researchers, and has a vast collection of materials available. Volunteer staff are around to help answer questions.

It encourages inquiries via email at vbrgs@yahoo.com.

Cemetery symbols explained by Cizon

BRIDGMAN — Bridgman Public Library will host "Decoding Secrets of the Dead: Cemetery Symbols Explained" at 7 p.m. Tuesday via Zoom.

Berrien County Historical Association Executive Director Rhiannon Cizon will explore the meaning behind common, and not-so-common, symbols found on tombstones around the region. Grave markers go beyond names and dates, and can tell a lot about the person buried, and even the community.

The Zoom link is available online at bridgmanlibrary.com.

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